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[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
LONDON, Dec. 23.—[By Atlantic Cable.] The question of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is freely discussed in the morning papers. The Daily News and the Daily Chronicle published editorials asserting that Lord Salisbury "ought to get some concessions in return for consenting to abrogation."

The Daily Chronicle points out that the canal would make the United States a great naval power in the Far East, increase American naval strength in the Atlantic, and alter to England's disadvantage the carrying trade to the Far East.

NO BROAD QUESTION.
But the American Government tolerates no fooling.
[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—So far as can be learned here the conflicting claims between the French government and the United States government at Shanghai, China, do not involve any broad question relating to the acquisition of large tracts of China by France.

Complaint was made to this government that the French representative in China under guise of extending the limits of their extra territorial concession in Shanghai, had included in the claim certain property vested in the United States for riparian uses, which had long been occupied or enjoyed by American citizens and American corporations.

Upon this statement, United States Minister Conger was instructed to protest to the Chinese government against any action on its part which would result in injury to the American citizens above described. It was learned from the Shanghai dispatches that the British government has taken a similar course. But beyond that there has been no joint action between the two governments.

MINORITY REPORT.
States Objection to Hull Bill and Offers a Substitute.
[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The minority of the committee on Military Affairs filed with the House yesterday their report on the Hull Bill to increase the army to 100,000 men. It says, in part:

"The minority of the committee dissent from the majority of the committee because the bill reported makes a permanent standing army, and the United States of over 100,000. Such an army is not necessary to be maintained in this country now, neither because of our position in the Pacific of the sea, nor because of any necessity which in the past year has arisen in this country itself."

"It is estimated that the Hull Bill will cost the people annually the sum of \$150,000,000. This would be a permanent charge upon the people, \$147,000,000 is now being paid annually to the soldiers of the United States, and the war with Spain, thus placing a permanent charge of \$25,000,000 upon the people of the United States, and this to maintain the military establishment alone, to say nothing of the navy."

"It is well understood that the great corporate interests of the country are demanding the maintenance of a permanent standing army, and for their reasons for such a demand are too obvious to be pointed out. These interests want force to enforce their demands, and are motivated by such interests would have, with such a standing army, the means at his hand to invade the liberties of the people, to suppress the free press of speech and to desecrate the ballot box itself."

The minority presents a substitute bill, providing for an army of 30,000 men. The substitute also provides for 30,000 volunteers to be taken from the States and Territories, and the District of Columbia, in proportion to population; these volunteers must be maintained at the expense of the United States within two years of the date of the passage of the act unless sooner terminated. Their organization must be the same as that of the regular army. Representative Hay, of Virginia, who prepared the minority report, estimates that the regular army would cost \$30,000,000, the volunteer army \$50,000,000, or a total of \$80,000,000.

CALIFORNIA PENSIONS.
[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Pensions were granted to Californians today as follows:
Original—Anthony Holler, San Francisco, \$5; Elijah D. Mardon, San Francisco, \$6; Joseph Tidlow, San Luis Obispo, \$6; Francis Meeker, deceased, Oakland, \$12.
Increase—William W. Weller, Rose Dale, \$8 to \$10; John R. Atherton, Tipton, \$8 to \$9.
Original widows—Charlotte C. M. Schwab, San Francisco, \$8; Ellen Sullivan, Sacramento, \$8.
Reissue—James J. Stewart, San José, \$12.
Mexican war survivors, release and increase—David Gold, \$12 to \$12.
The Secretary of the Interior today finally rejected the application of Leonard Wood, for repayment of purchase money paid on a desert land entry in the Los Angeles district.

STAMPS REUSED.
[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—In view of the fact that fraud has been discovered in connection with the cancellation of documentary and adhesive internal stamps, by which old stamps were reused, the Internal Revenue Bureau today issued a regulation which requires all such stamps to be cancelled with the initials of the user, together with the month, day and year when they are stamped thereon. Hitherto the month and day of cancellation has not been required.

AT WORK AGAIN.
[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Secretary Hay has resumed his duties at the State Department today, although still suffering from the effects of an attack of la grippe.

ALL CLOSE TODAY.
[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—An agreement was reached at the meeting of the Cabinet today for the closing of all the executive departments at noon on Saturday before Christmas and New Year's day. They are closed by law on the days observed as Christmas and New Year's day, so that when they are closed at noon tomorrow they will not be reopened for business until Tuesday morning next.

EXTRADITION TREATY.
[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The State Department has not been advised of the reported negotiations of an extradition treaty by the United States and Mexico, and unless some steps are taken shortly looking to the replacement of the present treaty, which is just about to expire, the conditions would become very grave on the border.

Minister Clayton was empowered some time ago to ascertain the position of the Mexican government in this matter, although not explicitly authorized to negotiate a treaty; but the Mexican government apparently preferred to deal directly with the authorities in Washington.

CHANGE OF FLAGS.

OLD GLORY WILL DISPLACE RED AND YELLOW.

Programme Agreed Upon for Formal Ceremony of Turning Cuban Government Over.

JANUARY FIRST AT NOON HOUR

THE AMERICANS WILL BECOME THE REAL AUTHORITIES.

Petty Schemers Balked by the War Department—Havana People Thank the President—Sampson on Cuba's Future.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

HAVANA, Dec. 23.—[By Atlantic Cable.] At the joint meeting of the United States and Spanish military commissioners today the programme was finally agreed upon for the change of flags on January 1, at noon.

Just before the noon hour the American and Spanish commissioners, Gen. Castellano, the Spanish captain-general and the American ranking officer in Cuba, Maj.-Gen. John R. Brooke, if he arrives in time, and otherwise Maj.-Gen. Lee, will assemble at the palace.

The Spanish commissioners will then surrender the government to the United States commissioners, who will immediately transfer it to the American general commanding. After this the various functionaries will remain a while to receive those who may wish to pay their respects to the incoming authorities.

It was agreed at the joint meeting that the Spanish troops remaining in Cuba after January 1 should be considered in the light of foreign troops in a friendly country, and to be accorded the privileges usually granted under international law. The quarters, buildings and grounds occupied by them are to be covered by the immunities of extra territoriality, and further stipulations were entered into respecting the prevention of any disturbance of public order consequent upon their presence.

Matanzas and Cienfuegos will doubtless be the only places where Spanish troops will remain after January 1. The Spanish sick in the hospitals will remain under the safeguard of the American military authorities, and will be provided with medicines, attendance and food repatriating them on recovery.

Gen. Wade, Butler and Clous, accompanied by their aides, were received at the palace today with military honors. The Spanish trumpeters blew a flare and the police guards saluted. The same ceremonies marked the retirement of the American officers.

MEDALS AND SCROLLS.

President and Gen. Wood Honored by Santiago Authorities.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Dec. 23.—[By Atlantic Cable.] Señor Baccardo, the Mayor of Santiago, accompanied by the City Council, visited Gen. Wood, the military governor, today to present him with an old Spanish medal of honor, of embossed gold, with a chain and a parchment scroll containing the words:

"To make one's self beloved by the people in difficult moments is the best of victories."

The deputation requested Gen. Wood to forward a similar medal to President McKinley, with a scroll containing the declaration:

"A people never forgets its benefactors."

Gen. Wood, replying in a few appropriate remarks of thanks, promised to forward the medal and scroll to Washington, assuring the Mayor and Councilmen that he was confident that President McKinley would be gratified to receive them.

FRENCH STEAMER RELEASED.

Made a Prize of War, but Not Held by the Courts.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

CHARLESTON (S. C.), Dec. 23.—In the United States District Court today Judge Brawley handed down a decision discharging the French steamer, the French steamer, made a prize of war by the New Orleans on July 17. The ship belonged to the Transatlantic line, and at one time it seemed as though international complications might grow out of her capture in the fight in the United States courts over her has been long and bitter.

CABANAS AND MORE.

Spanish Prisons Being Prepared for Delivery to Americans.

[A. P. EARLY MORNING REPORT.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the World from Havana says Cabanas and More are being prepared for delivery to the Americans. Every article capable of being moved has been taken away, all the words have been destroyed or packed in huge cases for transportation to Spain, and the interiors of the huge houses which have held so many Spanish secrets have been prepared for the flood of light which will be thrown on them when the American troops march in. Secrecy as dark as the grave has been maintained in regard to both these places, and the destiny of their thousands of prisoners is still unknown. Friends and relatives of missing men await anxiously to ascertain whether they still linger in dungeons or have gone the way of the departed. Cabanas, the bloody laurel ditch. The Spanish government is exceedingly anxious not to leave behind a trace showing the gross irregularity with which trials have been conducted, or the exact number of victims who have gone to their doom there.

During the past two days La Machina wharf has been crowded with departing Spanish soldiers. The sight of these men, embarked, was pitiful in the extreme, as they, with a starved look and scarcely enough strength to carry their rifles. Even of those who still retained regimental formation many will die on the way home. The men were secretly able, after a quick march through the town, to hold their places in the boats taking them to the transports, and several died from sheer exhaustion on the way. As for the sick, their condition was beyond description. Suffering from all kinds of diseases, principally fevers and dysentery, many of them died before they were lodged on board the fearfully-crowded transports. One poor fellow on La Machina wharf asked for water and was given a large glass of ice. He took a huge gulp and fell

back dead. The shock of the cold on his weakened frame killed him on the spot.

Before the Cheribou sailed a permit from a Spanish official enabled the World correspondent to go aboard and ascertain the conditions. She was crowded from truck to keel, having more than 2000 on board, 600 of whom were sick. These latter unfortunates were crowded in cots on the lower deck, surrounded by filth of every description, and a stench unbearable. There had been only ten hours aboard, but eight had died and their bodies waited burial when the ship got to sea. Uncared for, living and dead lay together, their bodies touching in some cases, a dead man's stiffened arm resting on the shoulder of a still-suffering comrade. Three doctors and several hospital corps will go with the ship, but there is a total absence of medicines and supplies. One doctor estimated that 30 per cent. would die on the voyage.

SPANISH TROOPS SAIL.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

HAVANA, Dec. 23.—The Spanish transport Darmstadt sailed today for Cadiz with 273 officers and men. About 8000 Spanish troops have embarked this week for Spain; some 8000 others are left in Havana. It is estimated that there are 15,000 Spanish soldiers at Matanzas, and there are about 20,000 Spanish troops in Cienfuegos. The Spanish troops here will withdraw to Matanzas and Cienfuegos after January 1.

The widow and daughter of Gen. Garcia have been left in poverty, and patriotic societies are contributing to their relief. Frequent banquets, dinners, and speeches on New Year's day are being made all over the country.

FIVE-DAY CELEBRATION.

[A. P. EARLY MORNING REPORT.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the World from Havana says the five-day celebration of the Spanish evacuation of Cuba, beginning January 1. The junta, various patriotic clubs, and an Executive committee have been appointed to make arrangements and raise funds for the purpose. A great meeting will be held in the Tacon Theater, at which speeches will be delivered by well-known Cubans. All the clubs will combine in a grand procession, a huge race meeting will be held, and a campaign dinner party will be given to Cuban troops. Solemn high mass will be celebrated in the morning at the Cathedral, at which prayers, suitable to the occasion, will be read. Arches will be erected in all the principal streets, and the houses will be decorated. Numerous private balls will be given, to which invitations by the hundreds of public and private Americans are being showered on the American officers.

Strong protests are being made by the Cubans against the enlisting in the new police force of men who were lately guerrillas in the Spanish army. The first fight over electric street franchises will be begun after January 1. William Mackenzie, the president of the Toronto Street Railway Company, who is here with a view to representing a Montreal and Toronto syndicate, is confident of obtaining a concession. The situation now, since the revocation of the franchises granted to the American syndicate by the civil governor, is just as it was before. The Canadians will again make an offer, and it is believed in financial circles, and that the Harvey syndicate will be the field again without the Montreal and Halifax backing of its previous offer.

ILLNESS AND FILTH.

[A. P. EARLY MORNING REPORT.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the World from Havana says the civil register there today shows a total of forty-nine deaths in the city in the last twenty-four hours, and two parishes where the death rate was usually high made no report. The mortality last week was at the rate of one every 1000 of the population. This week it will be higher. In New York the rate is only twenty-two deaths per annum for every 1000 population.

All the hospitals are overcrowded and no more patients can be received. The Municipal Hospital has organized an emergency hospital to care for the reconcentrados, and is taking care of 235 patients, with space for only 100. One surgeon said today he had to leave sufferers lying in the streets, because there is no place to care for them. Villagers from the interior are flocking to the city, making the Americans here despair of any immediate lowering of the frightful death rate.

SCHEMERS BALKED.

They Cannot Gobble Up Anything They Want in Cuba.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Information has reached the administration that the local governments of cities of Cuba and Porto Rico are constantly being besieged by capitalists and promoters, with a view to securing valuable railroad and other franchises and concessions at figures below their value.

The matter was discussed at today's Cabinet meeting, and instructions will be sent at once to the military government to exercise the most rigid supervision in granting such franchises, and if any grant is found to be not in the interests of the people, or secured at figures below their real value, to veto them forthwith. Since the close of the war numerous schemes to secure the monopoly of street lighting, street railways, etc., have been proposed, and the assumption that when the United States took the control of affairs, large sums of money would seek investment there, and that that money could be easily made. The local governments, it is said, have been disposed to grant these monopolies very freely upon the payment down of a considerable sum, but from this time forward each will be carefully scrutinized, and all "wildcat" schemes will be promptly vetoed.

PRESIDENT THANKED.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The following has been received from Havana, dated December 22:

"McKinley, President of the United States: The City Council in solemn session has resolved in the name of the people of Havana to thank you for the aid sent in aid of the needy poor. [Signed]

MARQUIS ESTERAN.

"President."

MUST USE STAMPS.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The Postmaster-General has received word from the postal agent at Porto Rico that he has stopped out of fairness to the government, the practice which has been carried on by certain Mayors of Porto Rican ports, of fixing simply the mortality seals to mail matter when postage stamps are lacking in their offices.

THIS SETTLES IT.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The War Department today authorized the following:

The following order has been sent by the Secretary of War to the commanding officers in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines: "Unless otherwise ordered, no grant or concessions of public or corporate rights or franchises for the construction of public or quasi-public works, such as railroads, tramways, telegraph and telephone lines, waterworks, gasworks, electric-light lines, etc., shall be made by any municipal or other local government or body in Cuba or Porto Rico or the Philippines, except upon the approval of the major-general commanding the military forces of the United States in Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines, who shall, before approving any such grant or concession, be so specially authorized by the Secretary of War."

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MONEY IN POLITICS.

Letter by Senator Chandler on That Old Subject.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

MANCHESTER (N. H.), Dec. 23.—Senator William E. Chandler has addressed a letter to the Union upon the growth and use of money in politics in New Hampshire—"Shall it increase or stop?"

The best portion of the letter will be printed in tomorrow's issue. In this letter Mr. Chandler reviews the various methods of financing political campaigns in New Hampshire from the earliest days to the present. He tells of the early Whig and Democratic methods of financing political campaigns in New Hampshire, and of the Presidential campaign of 1856, when son of New Hampshire was elected President of the United States, and when the entire expenses of the campaign were paid from a fund of \$800 which was raised by addressing letters to individual Democrats.

BLACK AND WHITE.

They Were Married and Must Go to the Pen for It.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

CUMBERLAND (Md.), Dec. 23.—John W. Bowling, colored, and Martha Craven, the white woman he married, were each sentenced by Judge Boyd today to eighteen months in the penitentiary. When Judge Boyd asked if they had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced, Bowling arose and said he believed that the girl had been seduced by him, and that he was marrying her he acted in good faith. The girl said nothing.

The couple came here from Pennsylvania and were married several months ago. Bowling was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of eighteen months for a conspiracy to defraud a fund of \$800 which was raised by addressing letters to individual Democrats.

CLOTHED WITH POWER.

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NEWS SINCE MIDNIGHT.

[Under this heading are printed the very latest exclusive dispatches, being the cream of the news in the New York morning newspapers of today, which is wired from that city by the Times' special New York correspondent about 5 a.m. reaching Los Angeles about 2 a.m.]

AMERICA WILL CONTROL.

PHILIPPINE ARCHIPELAGO COMES UNDER EAGLE'S WINGS.

United States Troops Ordered to Iloilo to Take the Post—A Commander With Much Authority. Senator Morgan Feels Confident. French Fired Upon.

[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Notwithstanding the War Department professes to have no official confirmation of the story of a battle at Iloilo between practically unarmed Filipino and Spanish regulars, resulting in great slaughter to the rebels, ex-Secretary Alger yesterday sent orders by cable to Maj.-Gen. Otis at Manila, to send a force of United States troops to Iloilo. This action is the first taken by the administration toward extending authority over the Philippines beyond the city, harbor and bay of Manila, and is important as an indication of the intention of the government to place the archipelago under American control sooner than was originally intended. It was said last evening that the instructions to the government to Gen. Otis did not result from reports of the fighting above referred to. Alger declined to say how many troops had been ordered out. There are four or more transports at Manila, each capable of carrying at least 600 men. It is the understanding that the troops will move at the first opportunity after the receipt of the orders. The transports can reach Iloilo from Manila in thirty-six hours. On the arrival of the Americans the Spaniards are expected to surrender the post, as was done at Manila. It is believed that the outrages reported today unquestionably led to this prompt action, as it was the intention of the War Department to send no troops to places other than Manila until after the confirmation of the treaty of Paris by the Senate. The occupation of all the Philippine posts will follow in rapid succession.

PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

The President is considering the advisability of sending by telegraph to Gen. Otis the text of his proclamation prepared for promulgation to the inhabitants of the Philippine archipelago, announcing the cession of the territory to the United States by the treaty of Paris. It was said on high authority yesterday that there is nothing startling or of great political significance in the document.

OFFICERS DESERTING.

A special from Manila this morning says the lower class of Filipino officers have recently deserted with large numbers of armed soldiers, and have attacked various towns. This is the result of Aguinaldo having refused to recognize the rank of these officers. Several of the native local authorities at Manila, who had abused their positions and were unpopular in the provinces, have been murdered or their property sequestered. Town Caxling, for instance, which was defended by 600 of Aguinaldo's troops, has been taken and looted by malcontents. It is reported that the Spaniards of Cebu have capitulated.

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NEUTRALITY OF THE CANAL BILL AND THAT IS ALL.

England desires reciprocity. She can get that with this country with out connection with the canal. Certain Senators, whose position is misunderstood, are saying: 'Our whole souls are for the canal, but we don't want to abrogate the treaty.' All England

NIMBLE-FINGERED.

SMOOTH WOMAN CAPTURED BY SPOKANE POLICE.

Believed to Be Bertha Wier, a Clever Shoplifter with a National Reputation.

WHOLE FAMILY OF THIEVES.

ALL IN PRISON OR ON THEIR WAY TO THE PEN.

Emphatic Denials Made by Mrs. Hotkin—Prisoners Made Happy—Fisherman a Murderer—A Whole Town Claimed.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] SPOKANE, Dec. 23.—With a babe in her arms and tears streaming down her cheeks, Bertha Wier was brought into the police station today charged with systematic shop-lifting. The police believe that she is a shop-lifter of national reputation. They have letters from the East, and on the strength of these have been shadowing the woman or some time.

Chief Jansen of Milwaukee wrote that the woman is undoubtedly Bertha Wier, one of the Wier sisters of Chicago, notorious shop-lifters, all of them. She was driven out of Milwaukee and Chief Jansen's letter adds that she has a sister in Joliet prison, another under arrest in Chicago, and a brother and sister serving an eight-year term in the Colorado penitentiary. The woman confessed to the police here but denies relationship with the Wier family.

HAPPY PRISONERS.

Freedom as Their Christmas Gift from the Governor.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.] SACRAMENTO, Dec. 23.—Gov. Budd today issued a number of commutations, which will no doubt be received as welcome Christmas gifts by those prisoners in whose favor they are made. The commutations are as follows: In each instance the prisoner to receive his full liberty tomorrow, December 24:

Al Cobler, sent from Los Angeles county in August, 1894, for five years, for embezzlement.

Corneilus J. Hooley, sent from Sierra county in April, 1898, for one and one-half years, for assault with a deadly weapon.

Al Cobler, sent from Modoc county in July, 1884, for life imprisonment for murder.

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C. C. Sullivan, sent from Fresno county in June, 1882, to life imprisonment for murder.

MRS. BOTKIN DENIES.

Case of the Defense Closed in the Now Famous Trial.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The trial of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin is nearing an end. The defense concluded its case today with the testimony of the accused woman. Mrs. Botkin made specific denials of almost all the charges brought against her. She contradicted the testimony of almost every witness that has appeared for the prosecution and her denials generally were on the most important points in the case. She swore that she did not buy the candy sent to her by Dunning, or the little handkerchief which was enclosed for Mrs. Dunning's little girl.

She admitted intimacy with John P. Dunning and stated to the jury that he had tried to prevail upon him to turn to his own hands a cross-examination brought out at least one very important fact against the accused. She admitted being at the ferry depot on the day that the poisoned candy was mailed at the ferry postoffice. Three other unimportant witnesses were introduced by the defense. The court adjourned until Tuesday, when the prosecution will present testimony in rebuttal.

REACHING RIGHT OUT.

San Francisco is After South American Trade.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, brought news that the governments of Ecuador and Chile, with the purpose of developing reciprocal commerce, have resolved to form a commercial and navigation treaty, naming for this purpose the respective representatives. The President of the Republic of Ecuador, by his Excellency, Señor Dr. Carlos P. de Zaldívar, Minister Plenipotentiary Ad Hoc, and the President of the Republic of Chile, by his Excellency, Señor Don Matías Matte, have agreed to sign articles which will result in materially benefiting trade between these countries.

In consequence of the matters set forth in the treaty, the members of the Manufacturers and Producers' Association met today and formulated a letter of objection to be addressed to the Secretary of State at Washington, setting forth San Francisco's advantages as a shipping point for Central and South American ports.

PROTECTIVE STATIONS.

Main Forming to Prevent Vessels Breaking Dominion Customs Laws.

[A. P. EARLY MORNING REPORT.] VICTORIA (B. C.), Dec. 23.—The Dominion customs authorities have begun work of extermination on the fleet of ships and schooners, the majority of which are American vessels, hailing from Puget Sound, which have made considerable money and defrauded the customs of considerable by the sale of their contraband goods to the British Columbia northern coast line.

To this end they are about to establish a chain of protective stations along the coast. Officers will be stationed at each, who will be empowered to seize any vessel found smuggling or otherwise breaking the customs laws. The stations will be at Port Bay, Bella Coola, Porters Island, Huxford, Ahousat and Quatsino.

Although they will not be made aware of entry, coasting and Alaskan

traders will be allowed to go in there for coal, wood or supplies, and will be restricted to these ports only. Should they go in at any other place, which the law forbids, they will be seized. The officer at Porters Island will be exercised mostly in watching the American fishing craft, which go to the Heceta Straits for halibut. Some of these engaged in fishing there have been in the habit of landing on Porters Island to dry nets, and this practice in the future will be disallowed.

FRESNO OFFICIALS INDICTED.

County Grand Jury Making It Very Warm for Them.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] FRESNO, Dec. 23.—The Fresno County grand jury created another sensation this afternoon when it found accusations against all the members of the Fresno City Board of Trustees, charging them with corrupt conduct in office and mismanagement of public affairs.

The officers accused of malfeasance are Mayor C. J. Craycroft, and Trustees E. M. Chittenden, Joseph Spinney, W. E. McVey and E. L. Austin. The specific charge against them is that they have squandered the funds of the city in paying \$1750.25 for the reconstruction of an engine-house without first having advertised for bids. It is alleged that the amount received \$100 in excess of what it would have been had bids been called for in that manner. The engine-house in question was built for the Fresno fire department over a year ago at the instance of Trustee Joe Spinney at a cost of \$10,000. It is one of the finest of its kind in the State.

The evidence against the accused officials seems to be conclusive, and it is thought that they will be ousted from office.

They will be notified of the grand jury's action in the morning and ordered to answer before the Superior Court within ten days. The proceeding is only quasi criminal in nature, the object being simply to oust the Trustees from office.

PRICE OF WINES.

C. A. Buckley Reported to Have Sold at Advanced Figures.

[A. P. EARLY MORNING REPORT.] SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The Examiner says C. A. Buckley has sold to Chevalier & Co. of this city his '97 and '98 wines at an advance price on that fixed by the recent sale of the Wine-makers' Corporation in their contract with the California association. He is to get 134 cents for red wines and 17 cents for white, the cellar in Livermore containing 175,000 gallons of red wine and about 22,000 gallons of white. He had held these wines for the growers, and the price he received will fix the price of '97 grapes at \$12.25 for black grapes and \$17 for white grapes, from which he may deduct a reasonable charge for storage and interest since September last. Thus it appears that the growers will get about \$12 for black grapes and \$15 for white grapes.

MURDERER ROSSER'S CASE.

An Attempt to Arouse San Francisco People to Violence.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.] SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—An attempt has been made to arouse the people of this city to violence as a result of the acquittal of Walter Rosser, the Tennessee soldier, who killed Henry Hilderbrand. Flaming posters, bearing the following inscription, were conspicuously displayed on billboards today: "Tar and feathers for the twelve jurors who acquitted murderer Rosser."

Chief of Police Lees does not fear trouble, but says that he will make an effort to have Rosser indicted for the attempted murder of William Lynch, whom he fired at when he killed Hilderbrand. If the indictment is returned, which seems hardly likely, Rosser will be extradited.

DE VRIES'S DENIAL.

Disclaims an Alleged Interview with Him in the Papers.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] STOCKTON, Dec. 23.—Congressman Marion de Vries in a letter to the Mail from Washington denies an alleged interview with him by several newspapers. A statement in the interview was to the effect that Mr. de Vries was favorably impressed with the President's message.

"It was a plain, straightforward statement of the Executive Department's attitude," Mr. de Vries is quoted as saying. "I am against the acquisition of territory remote from our own shores, but I have repeatedly said that I hold the opinion that while a Senator or Representative in Congress may have positive convictions upon matters of governmental policy, he must not forget that he is the representative of a community of people."

DEMOCRATS WRIGGLE.

Steps Taken Toward Conducting a Campaign of Education.

[A. P. EARLY MORNING REPORT.] SEATTLE (Wash.), Dec. 23.—A definite step toward organizing the Democratic voters of this State for the next Presidential campaign has been taken by Chairman Jones and Secretary Maloney of the Democratic State Central Committee. In a circular letter they suggest that subscription books be opened in every precinct for the purpose of securing the subscriptions of voters who will pay not less than 25 cents for a copy of the platform of the party for the purpose of conducting a campaign of education along the Jeffersonian and Jacksonian lines. When sufficient subscribers are pledged, headquarters will be opened.

MOST DARING ROBBERY.

Thousand Dollars Taken Out of a Store in Oregon.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] MARSHFIELD (Or.), Dec. 23.—Last evening the general merchandise store of N. Lorenz, at Coquille City, was the scene of a most daring robbery. The two sons of Lorenz were just closing up when two men stepped up to them and at the point of pistols ordered them back into the store. The boys complied with the request and were followed inside by the robbers. One of the boys was then compelled to open the safe and afterward the boys were securely bound and gagged and after securing the contents of the safe, amounting to about \$1000 in coin, the robbers quietly left the store.

HOBSON HAS ARRIVED.

Met by a Committee of Citizens at San Francisco.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Lieut. Richmond P. Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac, arrived in this city shortly before 10 o'clock tonight. The train on which he crossed the continent having been delayed, his car was detached and brought to the Oakland depot by a special engine. He was met by a committee of citizens and escorted to the Palace Hotel, where he was given a public reception. Gov. Budd, Gov.-elect Page, Mayor Phelan and other prominent citizens being members of the

committee which arranged the affair. After shaking hands with hundreds of people, Lieut. Hobson spoke from the balcony of the first story to the thousands who were packed closely in the court of the hotel. He spoke of the siege and capture of Santiago and told of the destruction of the fleet, alluding to his own famous exploit in a modest manner. After the reception he went to the Christmas cotillion party of the Friday Night Club in Native Sons' Hall. He will make his home at the University Club during his sojourn in this city.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Pacific Coast Steamship Company Holds Its Annual Meeting.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—At the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, held today, the following officers were re-elected: President, C. J. Smith; vice-president, John L. Howard; secretary, Edwin Goodall. With these officers, the following gentlemen comprise the directorate: Robert Bruce, Sydney V. Smith, S. O. Murphy, Charles Goodall, John L. Waterbury and J. W. Sampson. The two last-named gentlemen are of New York.

The presidency of Mr. Smith will last only till the first of the year, when his place will be taken by J. D. Ferrell, president of the Pacific Coast Company. The reason that Mr. Ferrell was not elected today was because he had no qualified stock in the corporation.

Where is John R. Parker? OAKLAND, Dec. 23.—No information has yet been received as to the whereabouts of John R. Parker, formerly a lawyer of Chicago, who disappeared from here about three weeks ago. His wife has telegraphed to the Galindo Hotel from Chicago for information on the subject, but nobody here has been able to enlighten her save as to her husband's disappearance. It is now known that Parker, before coming here, invested heavily in mines at Cripple Creek, Colo., and later in Salt Lake, and it is believed that he lost heavily in both places. His home in Chicago is supposed to be at No. 6325 Monroe avenue.

Trouble at Clatskanie.

PORTLAND (Or.), Dec. 23.—A special to the Oregonian from Astoria says: "A report reached here tonight that a mob of twenty men attacked the bunkhouse of the A. and C. Railroad at Clatskanie and overpowered the foreman in charge of the newly imported Japanese section hands and started toward Meyers with them. The foreman telegraphed to Superintendent Modine for help. The mob is supposed to consist of the fishermen who have been working on the road, and who have been supplanted by the Japanese."

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Big Fire at Albion.

MENDOCINO, Dec. 23.—Early this morning three dry kilns, several sheds, about 20,000 feet of lumber and thousands of shingles, belonging to the Albion Lumber Company, were destroyed by fire. The county bridge across the Albion River was threatened by flames, but was saved after one of the approaches had been burned. The total loss by fire may reach \$30,000. Insurance not known.

Forty Chinese Phenomans.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Forty phenomans from China have been received by the California Fish Commission and distributed along the banks of the San Joaquin River, and in Humboldt and Sonoma counties. More of these birds are expected on the next steamer from the Orient.

Fatal Effect of Booze.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—An unknown seafaring man was found dead in a water-front saloon today. He had been accidentally locked in the place all night, and had imbibed so freely of the beverages of the place that he died of alcoholism.

Ran into Sixty Horses.

SUISUN, Dec. 23.—The Sacramento local, which left San Francisco yesterday afternoon, ran into a band of sixty horses at Goddard's station, eighty horses being killed. The train was not dented, but was delayed an hour.

Convicted of Murder.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Tommaso Kelling, an Italian fisherman, was convicted in Judge Wallace's court today for the murder of his mistress, Louisa Spain, and his punishment fixed at imprisonment for life.

New Counterfeit Discovered.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A new counterfeit \$1 silver certificate has been discovered. It is of the series of 1896 Bruce register, Robert's treasurer, and apparently printed from photo-etched plates on heavy bond paper. No attempt has been made to imitate the silver certificate and the treasury number has been traced with blue, writing fluid which blurs as does the printing applied to the seal. The execution is poor and the work would deceive only the most careless handlers.

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Police Interference in the Fourteenth Round Was Generally Approved.

BOSTON MAN WAS NO GOOD.

NOT ACTUALLY KNOCKED OUT, BUT NOT HIS FAULT.

Scientific Boxer from Syracuse Had the Best of It All Through. Race-track Events—Ingle-side Summaries.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

HARTFORD (Ct.), Dec. 23.—Tommy Ryan of Syracuse proved too much for Dick O'Brien of Boston at the Coliseum tonight. The police interfered in the fourteenth round and saved O'Brien from an actual knock-out, but as far as practicable purposes were concerned, he was out. Ryan had floored him a few seconds before with a right-hand swing on the jaw and Dick got on his feet again just as Referee Roche counted seven. The fight had all been knocked out of him. He was helpless and Ryan again floored him with a vicious right-hand swing. Dick came to time once more, only to fall a victim to a hard upper-cut. Then Chief of Police Bill jumped into the ring and stopped the bout, and Roche awarded the fight to Ryan. The action of the police was generally approved as preventing unnecessary brutality.

It was Ryan's fight all the way through. He wore O'Brien down by inches with the jabs, and had him bleeding at the nose and eye early in the fight. Several times Ryan had his man going, but although he made dozens of passes he could not land that right swing till the fourteenth round. Ryan was too quick on his feet and too scientific for his opponent, who could simply stand still and punch and be punched.

TOD SLOAN COMING.

Jockey Will Soon Reach California for the Winter.

[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Jockey Tod Sloan, Eddie Bechtel, the cyclist, and a son of Michael Dwyer, turfman, reached Chicago, Ind., today on a visit to Sloan's foster parents. They will be given a reception Christmas day, and early next week the three young men will journey to the Pacific Coast. They will spend the winter in and around California, hunting and fishing. They are traveling in a private parlor car, attached to which is another car filled with hunting implements and other paraphernalia incident to lake and forest sport. Sloan announces positively that he will not ride at either Oakland or Inglewood this winter. Nor will he ride in the East on his return in the spring. He intends to cross the water again early next year, and says he has a two-year contract to wear the purple and gold of the Prince of Wales's stable, and will, of course, be mounted in the principal English stables. Lord Beresford will have second call on his services.

Ingle-side Summaries.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The weather at Ingle-side was fine and the track slow.

Six furlongs: Ballista, 118 (H. Martin), 8 to 5; won; Tirade, 118 (Maclean), 11 to 5; second; Rosebeau, 115 (Sponcer), 4 to 1, third; time 1:17 1/2. Dun Fraise, Merops and Whipple Back also ran.

Five furlongs: Espirado, 107 (Gray), 8 to 1; won; Sevo, 107 (Thorpe), 12 to 5; second; Scintillate, 107 (H. Martin), 6 to 1, third; time 1:04 1/2. Martello, De los Reyes, St. Kirstine, Melkarti, Sierra Blanco, My Dear, Peach Blossom, Lomo, Bland, Silver Girl and Goethe also ran.

One and one-eighth miles, handicap, over five hurdles: Ochotuck, 125 (Cummings), 20 to 1; won; Granger, 149 (Kerrin), 5 to 1, second; Maj. S., 137 (McAuliffe), 5 to 1, third; time 2:06 1/2. Durward, P. F., Tortoni, Rosmore and Viking also ran; Redington left.

Seven furlongs, handicap: Paul Griggs, 100 (H. Martin), even; won; Topmast, 107 (Thorpe), 7 to 1, second; Novia, 100 (I. Powell), 1 to 1, third; time 1:29 1/2. Morringa and San Venado also ran.

Six furlongs, selling: Whitcomb, 107 (Thorpe), 3 to 1; won; Hohenzollern, 110 (Ames), 12 to 1, second; Joe Ullman, 107 (H. Martin), 1 to 2, third; time 1:16 1/2. Lady Britannia, Outaway and St. Lee also ran.

One mile: Otholus, 113 (H. Shields), 3 to 5; won; Uln, 103 (J. Ward), 4 to 1, second; Boardman, 103 (Beauchamp), 20 to 1, third; time 1:44 1/2. Nora Ives and Baby King also ran.

On New Orleans Track.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—The track was fast.

Six furlongs, selling: Eight Belles, won; Louise second, Hunk Jinks third; time 1:16.

Seven furlongs: Frisket won, Ben Walker second, Lady Fitzsimmons third; time 1:31 1/2.

One mile and seventy yards, selling: Applejack won, Patroon second, Hampton third; time 1:48.

Six furlongs, selling: Miss Ross won, Disturbance second, Sim W., third; time 1:16 1/2.

Seven furlongs: Sensational won, Hanlon second, Travis third; time 1:31.

Riley Grannan Reinstated.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Riley Grannan was reinstated by the stewards of the Jockey Club at a meeting held today. "Doc" Street, who has been under the ban since the meeting at St. Asaph, in 1936, was also reinstated. Grannan had been beaten in the courts and the turf, and his pardon is a voluntary act of clemency on the part of the Jockey Club.

Grannan was ruled out in 1936 on the charge of having violated that rule which prohibits giving presents to jockeys by others than the owner of the horse. August Belmont, chairman of the State Racing Commission, which had intervened in the suit, had an appeal taken, and the case went to the court of appeals, and Grannan was defeated on all points, and the right of the racing authorities to make such rules as they saw fit, providing those rules were approved by the State Racing Association, was established.

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BORDA REACHES PORT.

Four-master Blown a Thousand Miles Out of Her Course. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—The missing four-master Philadelphia schooner, Matilda D. Borda, Capt. Norton, which sailed from Portsmouth, N. H., November 20, for this port, the day before the terrific gale which caused such sacrifice of life and property along the coast, and which was blown over one thousand miles out of her course, arrived here tonight in tow of the tug Asa Hughes. The home-coming of the crew of the vessel which had for some time been given up for lost, was one that will be long remembered by their relatives who have passed through weeks of great anxiety.

Sagasta Seriously Ill.

MADRID, Dec. 23.—The condition of Señor Sagasta, the Premier, now causes grave anxiety. Six physicians were in consultation this afternoon regarding his case, and concurred that he is suffering from bronchial pneumonia, with high temperature and an unfavorable absence of expectation. The newspapers express great sympathy. Señor Croissard, Minister of Justice, is acting Premier.

Insane Man at Large.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Joseph D. Pearson, the man who created a disturbance by throwing missiles through the plate-glass windows of the British Embassy and was sent to the insane asylum, escaped from the institution today and is still at large.

The Ripening of Fruits.

THE French Academy of Sciences once offered a prize for a proper elucidation of this important and highly-interesting subject. M. Berard of Montpellier gained the prize, and the following summary of useful facts from his paper will no doubt interest our readers:

Fruits do not act on the air in the same manner as leaves do. The results of the action of the former, both in light and darkness, are at every instant of their formation and growth to suffer a loss of carbon, which, combining with the oxygen of the atmosphere, forms carbonic acid. This loss of carbon is essential to the ripening of the fruit, for, if the latter is placed in an atmosphere deprived of oxygen the function of throwing out carbon will become suspended, the ripening stopped, and if the fruit remains attached to the tree or plant, it will dry up and die.

Fruits which are inclosed in shells, however, may and do ripen, for the membranes which form the husk are naturally permeable to the air. Indeed, the communication between the external and internal air is so free that both have always been found to be of uniform composition; that is, when analyzed the atmosphere within the shell has furnished the same relative quantities of oxygen and nitrogen as the air which we breathe.

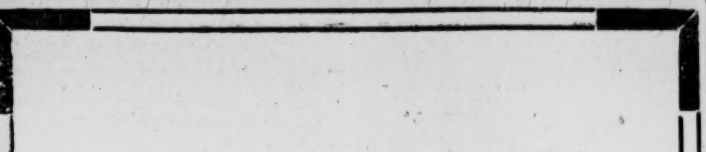
When fruits separated from the tree (even though capable of completing their own ripening) are placed in an atmosphere deprived of oxygen, they will not ripen; the power of ripening, however, in such case is only suspended, and may be induced to act, or be reestablished, by placing the fruit in an atmosphere capable of taking carbon from it. If the fruit, however, remain too long in the deoxygenated situation it will have lost the power of ripening, even although it preserve nearly the same external appearance.

From these facts the inference is plain, but highly important—viz, the most fruits, and especially those which do not require to remain long on their parent trees, may be preserved for a considerable time, and thus their utility and the pleasure which they afford be prolonged. The most simple process consists in forming a paste of lime, sulphate of iron and water, placing the same at the bottom of glass or stone bottles or jars, and then introducing the fruit pulled a few days before it would otherwise have become ripe. Such fruits, however, are to be kept from the bottom of the bottles or other vessels, and as much as possible from each other; at the same time care must be taken to close the bottle jar with proper cork and cement, either with or without bladders, or tin covers, according to circumstances, persons at all acquainted with chemistry will perceive that the fruits thus placed are situated in an atmosphere entirely freed from oxygen (which has been absorbed by the paste), and consequently, that they may be preserved for a longer or shorter space of time, according to their nature—peaches, apricots, plums, and several species of plums, from twenty days to a month; pears and apples, for full three months. If either of these fruits be withdrawn from their confinement (after their respective periods) and be exposed to the air, they will ripen extremely well; but if these periods be much exceeded, they will undergo partial alteration and will not ripen at all.

It is well known that when ripe fruit is long exposed to the air it will rot and decay; in such cases the fruit first changes the oxygen of the surrounding air into carbonic acid gas, and then the same gas is evolved from its own substance in a large quantity. Indeed, the presence of oxygen gas is necessary to the rotting or decaying of fruits, for when it is absent a different change takes place. When the fruit cannot ripen except on the tree its ripening is not caused by any chemical change of its substance while still green, but by the change or addition of new substances furnished to it by the capillary vessels of its parent stem. And it is a remarkable and well-ascertained fact that when fruits appear to have lost the acid taste and qualities which they possess in the green state, it is because that taste is hidden by the large quantity of sugar which they receive during the process of ripening.

In those fruits which ripen after separation from the tree, likewise, the quantity of sugar is found considerably to increase, in such cases, however, it must be formed at the expense of the substance previously composing the fruit. Gum, lignin and water are the only substances present, the proportions of which diminish during the process. It is, therefore, natural for us to conclude that it is those portions of the substance which have been converted into sugar; and as the lignin contains the greatest quantity of carbon, we must conclude that it is from it the oxygen takes the carbon in order to form carbonic acid—a change so essential in the ripening of fruits.

It is difficult to suppose that in those fruits which ripen early on the tree all the sugar should be sent into the fruit from the plant. It is much more probable that the substance of the fruit



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acts upon the air—or vice versa—and thereby forms sugar, like those fruits which have been separated from their parent stems, but not in sufficiently large quantity to render them identical in quality. In such cases it is necessary that recourse should be had to the tree itself to complete the process of ripening.

In conclusion, it remains to be stated that the after-effects which the lignin undergoes during the process of ripening continues during the decay of the fruit under any circumstances. During the process of decay, the lignin becomes brown, and its decomposition, as well as that of the gum and water, occasions the formation of comparatively large volumes of carbonic acid gas. The sugar also (if any exist) becomes decomposed at this time, and to its disappearance, in a great measure, is to be attributed the peculiar taste of decayed rotten fruits. The sugar during its decomposition likewise doubtless gives rise to the formation of carbonic acid, a great part of which, combining with the hydrogen evolved from the decomposing water, forms carburetted hydrogen, which is the main source of that ill or miasmatic taste and smell so characteristic of vegetable putridity.

BIG NOSES UNDER BAN.

Police Cause Much Anxiety Among Certain Chicago Citizens.

[Chicago Inter Ocean.] Odd noses have been the prey of the Harrison-street police for two days. Bent noses, crooked noses, pug noses, noses with warts on them, and noses that have been broken have been gathered into the Armory station until every nasal appendage from the Roman variety to the modern torch of intemperance is represented.

It matters not who are attached to the noses. It is the noses the police want first, their owners will be attended to afterward, unless they can prove that they were not the men and noses who last Saturday morning strangled and robbed Thomas Falkner, a bartender in Thomas Gaynor's saloon. The robbers were described as men whose noses were the predominating features of their make-up. Since the descriptions were given to the police, Sergt. Mooney and a corps of detectives have gathered in every eccentric nose they have met, irrespective of who might be attached to it.

When Richard Mansfield reached town he was followed to his hotel by a detective, and the production of "Cyrano de Bergerac" had to be put off indefinitely if it had not been explained to the officer that the actor's nose, though suspicious looking, was innocent.

Col. W. Lightfoot Viescher has remained at the Press Club since the crusade began. Once only has he left the room, and then he wore a veil. Arthur Cambridge, the theatrical man, had slipped out into the suburbs and pawnshops have been closed. At the Central Station an old lithograph of Roland had been posted on the bulletin board with the word "Wanted" stamped beneath it.

Long-nosed men are getting indignant. They say it is safe to go out on the street with a piece of lead pipe or a dark lantern than to be caught in daylight with a beak of generous proportions. One sarcasm actor whose nose entitles him to fame as a tregadant, says he expects to wake up some morning and read in the paper that the City Council has passed a resolution regulating the size of the nose that a man shall wear on the streets.

The latest suspects arrested under the temporary legislation which has been considered on a par with that of Julius Caesar, Falkner could not identify the men.

One with a nose like a Michigan near said he has been chased by the police to his home and to his office. He says it is bad enough for a man to have his proboscis barked at by the dogs, without being placed under a cloud of suspicion and hounded by the minions of the law. He says he is going to spend time and money toward securing proper legislation to emancipate the big nose and return it to its old place in society. He maintains that the nose does not proclaim the man, and says he once had a friend whose nasal organ was as big as a coal hod and who nevertheless led an honest and upright life.

The People's Mecca.

[Rediand Facts:] Los Angeles is plucking many plums from the pudding nowadays, not the least of which is the meeting of the National Educational Association, which will convene in the growing southern metropolis on July 10, 1939, and continue in session six days. Already her citizens are beginning to prepare to draw from 15,000 to 20,000 strangers. We do not imagine that Los Angeles has been able to secure so many of these noteworthy assemblages because of her supremacy in commercial circles and the general attractions which the city itself presents, but because of her location in the fairest section of the country upon which the sun shines and because of the well-known and now greatly appreciated hospitality of Southern California. The outside trips which are taken upon such occasions, the generous welcome extended everywhere to the excursionists by our people, the glorious "weather" met in one unending cycle, the seasons' round, the gorgeous panorama of fruits and flowers, and the beautiful scenic effects of mountains and plains closely combined and continuously presented to view, the city's genuine activity, attractiveness and excellent accommodations, go to make a whole which allures and captivates the stranger whenever he comes. We, as a part, glory in the general good and the particular benefit to Los An-

geles thus derived, and we opine that the day is not far distant when the City of the Angels will become the Mecca of all associations, the one thing of all sincerity to be desired on occasions of great gatherings of the people.

A Modern Miracle.

[Fulton Telegraph:] A young woman living in the north part of town swallowed a needle two years ago. Last week the same needle was removed from the right arm of a young man who had kept company with her since she swallowed the needle.

POULTRY.

ONE of the most serious losses to the State as a result of the dry year through which it has just passed is the blow dealt to the poultry industry. The State was getting to a point where it was about self-supporting as regards eggs and poultry, and now it appears that the production in this line has shrunk something like 50 per cent., the reason assigned by the poultrymen for the shrinkage being that they found it impossible to pay the prevailing prices for food and sell their product at even the high prices which prevail. If the poultrymen will give the statement, the condition which exists is proof that they have not all mastered their industry, which is probably the most complicated branch of farming. The writer speaks with some familiarity with poultry-raising when it is stated that no one should engage in the industry unless it has a near approach to ideal conditions. In that industry, especially, success is achieved along the lines of least resistance, and that line certainly does not lead to the point where food shall ever be purchased.

The ideal condition for chicken-raising in California, the writer believes, is a soil well supplied with gravel, provided with a small amount of running water, ample shade, good alfalfa run, with ample ground for growing wheat and corn in quantities required. Given the statement, with proper care of the fowls and proper sheds for their accommodation, the man who wishes to purchase success by application to business can probably make more money than in almost any other industry. When chickens can supply themselves with all the alfalfa, gravel and pure water they want, chase bugs and worms at pleasure, and can rest in comfortable shade when not at work, the labor of caring for them is reduced to the minimum, they are given perfect food for egg production, and they have that freedom which is essential to health. In such a case they will require but little grain food, and while it is desirable from the point of economy that that be grown by the poultryman himself, it is not an essential to success.

Poultry-raising is a matter of infinite care at best, and when that condition is aggravated by the necessity for feeding by hand, something is liable to be neglected and lead to disaster, or at least to a lack of profit.

The conditions which have been outlined as ideal in California do not always exist naturally in this section, but there are many places where they can be provided with little effort, and it is in such places alone that one should ever undertake to carry on the business.

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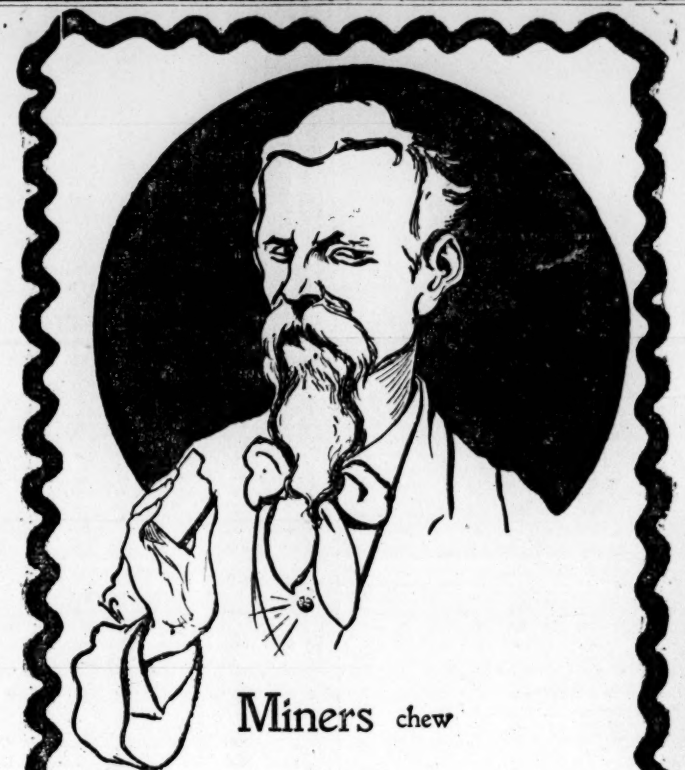
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About fifty counties are reported to have begun suits against the State to recover about \$2,000,000 alleged to be due the counties as commissions erroneously paid into the State treasury. Judgment for this amount is obtained the percentage going to the San Francisco attorneys who are prosecuting the suits, amount, it is said, to about \$800,000. This percentage must eventually come from county taxes, while the hole made in the State treasury by the withdrawal of the \$2,000,000 will have to be filled from State taxes, together with the costs of litigation. As both kinds of taxes are sold by the state, taxpayers, it is apparent that the only way the people can win is to lose, but it is manifest that the San Francisco lawyers are pretty confident that they will be the winners.

in this city last Wednesday. The bullet which killed her was fired from a gun buried in the potter's field after the Messrs. Orr & Hines yesterday received a telegram from Mrs. Horace Nutt, a widow of Chicago, asking that the name of the estate be changed to that of her late husband. A letter from her is received. Mrs. Nutt, it appears, is a sister of the dead man. Her husband is connected with the University of Chicago, and her address was found by the police. The dead man's effects. The undertaker telegraphed news of the tragedy to the well known to other persons whose addresses were located by the police. A granda left by Nutt. No reply was received from any source except from Mrs. Butterworth. The remains have been embalmed and are awaiting further orders.

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The Third Presbyterian Church has just succeeded in the enterprise begun two months ago of raising the debt of \$3000 which hung over the property. Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Miller have presented a fine organ to the church.

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DRUNKEN PAISANOS MURDER A COMPANION.

Penitentes of Taos Get the Worst of an Attack Upon Americans. General News Notes and Briefs.

ALBUQUERQUE (N. M.), Dec. 21.—[Regular Correspondence.] Rosalia Chavez, or Rivera, was stabbed to death through the heart, last Monday night. The victim was in native wine and a quarrel over depraved women was the prime cause of the tragedy, which occurred in Francisco Martinez's wine room in Old Albuquerque. Francisco Perez, Jose Apodaca, Fidel Perez and Jose Jaramillo are under arrest for the crime, but their conviction seems problematic, unless some of them should turn State's evidence. When Jaramillo was arrested his hands were covered with blood. He explained this by saying that he was pushed over on the dead body. The men claim that the body was lying in the wine room when they entered. Witnesses before the coroner's jury told various stories, one being to the effect that Chavez was stabbed outside of the music hall and staggered into the room. Expert testimony declared that the wound was of such a nature as to cause instant death, and that therefore this story could hardly be true.

The selection of a company physician for the employes of the Silver City Reduction Works was left to a popular vote. Dr. Van Cleave was chosen almost unanimously.

Capt. J. O. Dwyer, M.D., assistant surgeon in the United States marine hospital service, has been visiting various points in the Territory on a hunt for a suitable location for a sanitarium for marine consumptives.

Herman Blucher, an enterprising gardener living at Old Albuquerque, some time ago sent to Havana for tobacco seed of the best variety known on the island of Cuba. From there he raised a crop this year, and has made a number of cigars, which he has distributed among his friends. The tobacco is said to have all the peculiarities of flavor characteristic of the best pure Havana on the market.

The Santa Fe weather bureau office has been included in the district in which warnings of northerers are given. The signal is a red flag with a black center. The warnings are of great value to cattlemen in the plains country.

Advices sent to James A. La Rue, secretary of the New Mexico Cattle Sanitary Board, state that blackleg is raging among the cattle herds in San Juan and western Grant counties. The disease is infectious, but not contagious.

Francisco Martinez was killed, at Chamita by Ramon Patron. Jealousy and wine were the causes leading to the tragedy.

Juan Baptista Vigil, 17 years old, a Nambé pueblo boy, was instantly killed on the 12th inst. in his dormitory room at the Santa Fe Indian school by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of James Grant, a Navajo boy, 19 years old. No arrests.

A. P. Fredericks and Charles Thomas, postoffice inspectors, leaving Albuquerque, emphatically stated that their report, after inspecting the office, would create any interesting developments. A new postmaster was appointed immediately after the submission of their report.

W. H. Wittington of Las Vegas fell from the roof of the new Brown-Mann building and died two hours afterward. He was 60 years old and a carpenter by trade. A timber slipped with him and he fell from a height of three stories.

Solomon Bibb, who came to New Mexico about thirty years ago, has disposed of his numerous interests in Valencia county to his three brothers, and with his family, has moved to San Francisco. Mr. Bibb was at one time Governor of the Acama Indians.

One of the Indian-school boys was found dead in the street of Santa Fe recently, and would have been badly frozen had he not been discovered.

J. C. Hoye of Richmond, Mo., who recently eloped with his hired servant, made a short stay at Santa Fe, leaving there the next day after receiving a call from persons resident in his own town.

Officers of the Cerrillos Coal and Railway Company deny that the White Ash vein at Madrid has been exhausted. The recent discovery of the vein continues to be a much-mooted subject.

Friends of Sheriff Trujillo state that one of his deputies asked the American strangers to take off their hats when the procession of penitents passed. They refused and a bystander knocked off one of the men's hats. A fight ensued and the Americans were arrested. Trujillo pulled his gun in the saloon, holding it above his head and when it was accidentally discharged the bullet went through the roof. Instantly three shots were fired into the Sheriff's body. The story told by Americans is that the two strangers removed their headgear as the penitents passed, but replaced them before the straggling rear of the procession had gone by. They were immediately surrounded by a mob and put in jail. The Sheriff, it is charged, started to kill someone on general principles and Gifford was the first man he met. Gifford got away from the Sheriff, but met him later on the street. Trujillo opened fire on Gifford, firing two shots. A crowd gathered and about twenty men were heard, the Sheriff falling mortally wounded. Thirteen balls were afterward dug out of the adobe wall, placed there by the Sheriff and Gifford. A crowd of penitents is said to have been badly intoxicated.

Rosier Jury Roasted.
[Tulare Register.] The acquittal of Rosier of the murder of Hildebrandt, whom he slew as wantonly as one who should shoot down an unknown passerby on a street just to see him fall. The jury acquitted Rosier and found the Tar Flat whisky inside of him guilty of the offense. That jury could hardly have been made up of twelve Jews. There must have been at least one Judas among them, for it is said that there is a Judas in every twelve, and in this twelve there must have been as many as eleven Judases and one fool. If there had been a man in the jury box, a single man with the elements of mankind in him, that jury would have handed out the dawning of the day of judgment before bringing in such a verdict. The names of those twelve should be emblazoned in every rogues' gallery in Christendom. They should live as men forbid. They should be given employment. Men should never buy from them nor sell to them. Wherever they go they should be beaten and flogged with contempt and abhorrence which men ought to feel against those who have proven themselves recreant to the oath they had imposed upon men in civilized society.

A Wife's Complaint.
A warrant was issued yesterday by Justice Owens for the arrest of Dye Patterson on the charge of making threats against his wife, Mrs. Amelia Patterson. Patterson alleges that her husband has on diverse occasions beaten her, and that she only avoided a severe beating, if not death, by outstripping him on Thursday evening. She now seeks to have him placed under bonds to keep the peace. Patterson is the fellow who was assaulted on Commercial street several weeks ago by a man who, he supposed, was Matt Rosenthal, a watchman in Chinatown. The question of Rosenthal's guilt is still under advisement of Justice Owens.

PORT, cherry, angelica, muscatel, 25c and 50c quart. Woodlact, 124 N. Spring.

Choice Grapes Abound.

THE markets of Troy and of every other New York city and town are well supplied with grapes from the vineyards of our own State. Tokays are coming, as usual, from California, but of the more common varieties the New York vineyards yield enough and to spare. Two sources of supply are available. Most of the choice grapes received in this city come from the famous Keuka Lake region, in Yates and Seneca counties, and the variety of the Hudson is by no means insignificant as a grape-growing country. From Marlboro, in southern Ulster county, for example, grapes come to Troy by the Newburgh boat. During the past week the fruit was sold on commission here at 50 cents per crate of eight baskets, each containing standard 10 cents commission, and 40 cents, or 5 cents per basket, remained for the shipper, from which the cost of local freight, packing and freight must be deducted. The margin for the orchardist obviously was not very great, but then the size of the basket was not very large. The fruit sold to the peddlers and retail dealers at 5 cents a basket, as above, was retailed about 15 cents, earlier in the season the price was three or four times as high.

Comparatively speaking the Hudson River crop of Tokays was the last of the season, followed by the cold, damp weather, damaged the grapes, as it did all the other fruits, so that the farmers have not only been deprived of their berries and peaches, but the later crops, apples, pears and grapes, have also failed. The vines are only partially filled, and the bunches are small and irregular in shape, so that the greater part of them will go to the wine merchants at almost their own prices. The yield of the year on Keuka Lake is of choice quality, and the crop is about the average in size. The development of the grape industry has been somewhat peculiar for the past few years. Comparatively few early kinds that come from North Carolina and Maryland. The Hudson River Valley and Lake region furnish grapes for all New York. Twenty years ago the country in and near Fishkill was the center for the market, one of two men having established reputations as fine grape-growers; but immense vineyards sprung into existence along the shores of the lakes and the central part of the State and the trade has gradually shifted to the western part of the State, so that this year about all of the grapes will be received from the country around Lake Keuka.

There hundreds and hundreds of acres are planted with the vines, and the harvesting of the grape crop is the occupation of the people for miles around the two shipping places, Penn Yan at one end of the lake, and Hammondsport at the other.

New York City of course takes a very large part of the output. Even the local market is supplied from New York. The usual way for the New York crop to be sent to New York is for some large wholesale house to send a buyer out in the section, who goes from vineyard to vineyard, selecting and purchasing. The pickers and packers then begin the work of gathering the bunches, and they are carried to the packing houses in the New York firm out in the country; there the women sort them, and arrange the better quality in the small baskets and the poorer in the trays or boxes for shipping to New York.

Among the first grapes to come to the market is the Moore's Early, which somewhat resembles the time-honored Concord, but as it grows abundantly in the Southern States, and ripens earlier and in larger and closer clusters, it often commands a much better price than the other dark-blue grape, the Concord, which soon follows it, and which popular little seedling grape, which grows in small, tight clusters and has a sweetness all its own, the Delaware, comes a week or so later. Besides these are the Sultan and the Isabella, which have been in the market many years, and of the newer varieties, those with the greenish-yellow skin, such as the Niagara and the Rebecca and the Martha, are cultivated in great quantities, the Niagara being the best selling of them all. The latter is one of the last to ripen and best sent to market.

The grapes that come from the South early in the season, generally the last of July and the first of August, are packed in small, rectangular baskets, holding either six or eight pounds, eight of them being placed in a case, or "crate," as it is technically known. Those from New York State are sent in two ways, the one designed for table use being packed in the small baskets, and the other, for shipping, in the package in small quantities, and afterward retailed by the single basket. They are in convenient size for family use, and of a shape that can be advantageously for transportation, so that handling the fruit is avoided from the time when it is cut from the vine and carefully placed in the basket until it is put on the table of the consumer.

However, large quantities of grapes are each year shipped to market in bulk on large trays, this being the way the poorer qualities are sent, and some years when the crop is large the surplus stock is also sent in this way. Such grapes are sold by the pound to the wine and vinegar merchants, and to the Italians, Bohemians and Hebrews, who live on the East Side of New York and in the adjoining cities, for wine. Sometimes as much as a whole ton of these grapes will be bought for this purpose by a single family. When the price is low, as it is in the years the crop is heavy, these foreign buyers will take them as long as the supply lasts, so much do they prize this home-made wine. Grapes in this way sell from 15 to 30¢ a ton, according to quality and supply.—[The Troy Northern Budget.]

Look Out for it Here.
A MICHIGAN correspondent of the Rural World, M. A. Hoyt, sends the following, recently published in a Detroit paper, regarding a new disease that is ravaging the peach orchards of Southwest Michigan. As it is pronounced highly contagious, it is a matter of much importance to the peach-growing industry of Missouri. This industry has already attained very large proportions, yet is capable of vast increase, but vigilance in preventing the introduction of diseases and other deterring factors must be maintained.

The vast peach orchards of Southwest Michigan are being destroyed by a new tree disease which is fourfold more damaging than the dreaded yellows. It was first noticed in this section two years ago, and owing to its peculiar effect, which is a stunting of the fruit when about the size of hazelnuts, has locally been given the name of "little peaches." So fearful has been its ravages, amounting in several instances to the utter annihilation of large orchards that the growers have petitioned the agricultural bureau of the Government to send an expert pomologist to investigate it.

In response to this petition Prof. Irwin Smith, pathologist of the pomological department of the Agricultural Bureau, arrived here about ten days ago for the purpose of investigating the new disease and suggesting a remedy. Yesterday he met the Sugarbuck and Ganges Pomological Society and stated that he had been unable to discover the cause or character of the disease. He also stated that he believed it to be highly contagious, which was already well known to the growers here, and recommended that the diseased trees be promptly cut down and destroyed by fire as soon as discovered. This is the

treatment prescribed by the law for the yellows.

In many particulars the new disease resembles the yellows, and by many is considered a new form of that disease; but it spreads much more rapidly and causes the tree to die at the end of the second year, while with yellows the trees will live from three to five years.

In this township alone about 4000 trees have been destroyed this season, and unless a remedy is soon found the farmers of Southwest Michigan will go out of the peach business.—[Coleman's Rural World.]

THE DAIRY.
THE California State Dairy Bureau has issued a series of statistics of production of dairy products during the past two years, which, though showing a decrease during the past year, are encouraging as showing that the dry year has been almost as good a year as its predecessor—far better than might have been expected. The butter product of 1937 was 28,675,439 pounds, as against 23,691,439 in 1936, while during the past year the production of cheese only shrank from 6,399,625 pounds to 5,148,372 pounds.

The value of dairy products for the two years is set forth as follows:

1937.
Value of 58,678,429 pounds of butter \$4,513,617
Value of 6,399,625 pounds of cheese 5,543,489
Value of milk and cream consumed 4,654,489
Value of eggs from dairy cows 725,272
Value of eggs produced at creameries and dairies 915,036
Total value for 1937 \$15,411,823

1936.
Value of 22,911,121 pounds of butter \$4,254,293
Value of 5,148,372 pounds of cheese 5,543,489
Value of milk and cream consumed 4,712,121
Value of eggs from dairy cows 725,272
Value of eggs produced at creameries and dairies 748,891
Total value for 1936 \$10,913,723

These figures are no indication of the tendency of the industry in the State, but rather obstacles which have been presented during the past year. As a matter of fact, there are several sections of Southern California where the dairy business has been making giant strides during the past few months while the rapid development of water by sinking wells is sure to tell in greatly increased dairy production in the near future.

Curing Rheumatism.
AT THE Liege, France, Medical Congress Dr. Lindemann delivered an address on his new electric cure for rheumatic pains. The apparatus used is described as utilizing electric heat, which is so dry that the patient can bear exposure to it at a temperature of 50 to 150 centigrade without being in any way incommoded. Two cases were submitted to the congress for experimental treatment, and one who had suffered for some time with articular rheumatism of the right hand. The second test was performed on a man of 30, who was also troubled with rheumatism of the left hand. Both patients were unable to make any use of their hands, which were completely rigid and incapable of muscular movement. After these members had been placed in an air chamber where they were subjected for a short period to a temperature varying between 90 and 120 degrees, they were able to move in any position, and the rheumatic condition, however, lasted but a short time, and soon after the removal of the hands from the air chamber the previous state of affairs returned. This current was again turned on to them, they were once more restored to activity. It is said that a great number of cases of rheumatism have been cured by this process, the most obstinate case seldom requiring more than 10 to 12 applications of the electric heat. From the limited details that have been given of this treatment, it is more than likely that it is much inferior, both as regards convenience of application and permanency of result, to the electrostatic treatment of rheumatism, which has been practiced for many years in this country, in which the patient sits on the platform of an electric machine, and is cured without knowing it by the surging through the limb of the electric current. Incredible as it may seem, occasional cases of gout, in which the patient could not put foot to the ground without torture, have been known to yield thoroughly to this treatment, and in such cases the application, so that no repetition of it was necessary, and the foot could be forthwith used freely without pain. There are many details of the effectiveness of this method, according to the technical knowledge of the physiological attributes of high tension currents, possessed by the practitioner, and it is to be regretted that the practice in its highest form is certainly not known to more than half a dozen leading electrotherapists; if as many.

The statement that Richard Jones of Ebersburg is a justice of the peace at the age of 87, brings from an attorney at Apollo, Pa., the fact that William Henry, aged 83, has been a J.P. there for fifty consecutive years, and still does business.

CHRISTMAS wines. Sweet wines, 75c; light wines, 50c gallon. Woodlact.

ANOTHER DOCTOR.
Coffee May Agree With Some People and Not With Others.

Until a year ago I was a most inveterate coffee drinker.

I have always assiduously abstained from all other forms of stimulants, including tobacco, and hence could easily localize the cause for the numerous abnormal symptoms I became subject to. I grew nervous and irritable, became easily excited and experienced a decided loss of memory, together with many other symptoms, indicating an unduly stimulated nervous system. My appetite was poor, sight deficient, bowels irregular. Like thousands of others, I could not bring myself to believe that my favorite beverage was the cause of my abnormal conditions.

About a year ago a package of Postum Cereal came to my office and I concluded to try it. I was very much disappointed with the trial, the liquid being light colored, weak and insipid. It lacked the strong flavor I had been so long accustomed to.

I concluded, however, I would have to cultivate a taste for it, and hence persisted in drinking the almost tasteless mixture for several weeks, until finally I became disgusted with it and quit it. I noticed, however, an improvement in my nervous symptoms. Shortly after this my attention was called to your specific announcement as to the length of time the mixture should be taken, took up the subject again, following the directions explicitly, and the result was truly gratifying. The color, the aroma, the taste, and everything (except the nerve-racking stimulant) was there, and I was completely satisfied. The nervous symptoms entirely vanished, and all other abnormal conditions vanished. The experience in my own case naturally led to a conclusion as to the cause of the disorders with many of my patients, and I have had occasion in numerous cases to insist upon the abandonment of coffee entirely, and the substitution of Postum Food Coffee, with highly gratifying results.

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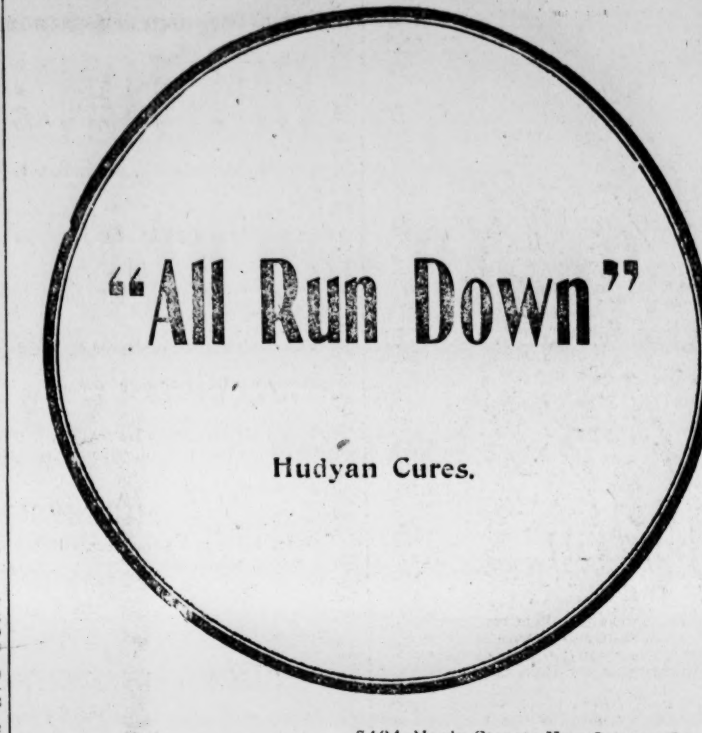
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Hauling 2500 cubic yards of gravel for use at the reservoir, and
Hauling 1200 cubic yards of sand for use at reservoir.
Bids may be made for the whole or a part of the work. Plans of the excavation required may be seen at the office of the company. The company reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Particulars may be had by applying to Sup't. J. R. Elliott, or to the secretary of the company.
Address all bids to the secretary at Covina, Los Angeles county, California.
B. R. EUSENBURY, Secretary.

Notice
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Los Angeles Cemetery Association, a corporation, for the election of trustees and officers for the ensuing year, and for such other business as shall come before the meeting, will be held at the office of said association in room 228 of the Bradbury building, corner Broadway and Third street, in the city of Los Angeles, California, on Monday, the 2nd day of January, 1939, at 2:15 o'clock P.M. All stockholders and owners of lots in "Evergreen Cemetery" are entitled to vote at said meeting.
Dec. 21, 1938. R. K. WOOD, Secretary.

Dividend Notice.
LOS ANGELES SAVINGS BANK, 230 North Main street. For the six months ending December 31, 1938, a dividend (No. 29) has been declared due and payable on and after January 8, 1939, as follows: On ordinary deposits at the rate of three (3) per cent. per annum, and on term deposits at the rate of four (4) per cent. per annum, free of all taxes.
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FLAMES LICK UP FOURTEEN CHINATOWN SHACKS.

A block of shanties at the end of Apablaza Street destroyed—The valuable library of Rev. Ng Poon Chew saved.

A block of one and two-story shacks in Chinatown, at the end of Apablaza street, on the north side, was entirely wiped out by fire yesterday afternoon, the only building in the block not consumed being a two-story brick on the corner of Apablaza and Benjamin streets, occupied as a residence by the Rev. Ng Poon Chew, pastor in charge of the Chinese Presbyterian Mission at No. 212 Wilmington street. When the fire was discovered at 2:10 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the Rev. Ng Poon Chew was busy at the building, No. 117 Marchessault street, opposite the Plaza, which he is fitting up for a Chinese newspaper office. When the Rev. Chew discovered that his residence was in danger, he hurried home, and with the aid of Officers Phillips and Ritch, succeeded in saving his library, consisting of over 2000 volumes. It is said to be the finest Anglo-Chinese library in this country, many of the volumes having no duplicates. He also saved part of his household goods and clothing. An organ on the second floor was not injured, but the balance of his possessions, to the value of about \$250, was destroyed by fire, smoke and water.

The Rev. Ng Poon Chew has been a minister of the gospel for the past seven years. He was married in San Francisco about a week after his ordination, and has been in this city for the past four and a half years. He has a family of four children, the eldest being a girl. Yesterday was the sixth anniversary of her birth, and preparations were being made to give her a birthday party last night. The Rev. Mr. Chew will repair the damaged building and continue to live there. The greatest individual loss, with the exception of I. A. Sepulveda, was sustained by a Chinese woman named Soo Hoo Mon Sing, who, with her husband and family, resided in a two-story frame building at No. 419 Apablaza street. They conduct a general merchandise store at No. 310 Apablaza street, and much of the stock was stored in the cellar of their residence. The house was comfortably furnished on the American plan, the floors being covered with Brussels carpet, and the loss sustained by Mrs. Soo Hoo Mon Sing on building, household furnishings, merchandise stock and wearing apparel will probably reach \$3000.

The other buildings destroyed, twelve in number, belonged to I. A. Sepulveda, who estimates his loss at \$5000. The balance of the losses will amount to about \$1600, making a total loss of \$11,600. The buildings were occupied as dwellings and store rooms for vegetable and commission men. Great piles of potatoes, turnips, etc., were up through the ashes on Apablaza street.

The fire started in the kitchen of Lew Sing, at No. 429 Apablaza street. No one was in the building at the time, and the origin of the fire is a mystery. It is probable, however, that a fire was left burning in the open grate, such as the Chinese generally use for a stove, and a few live coals fell to the floor.

No one was injured, but there are several chickens and dogs less in Chinatown as a result of the fire. Five pigs in a house next to the Rev. Mr. Chew's residence were burned to death. An old invalid Chinese, who was in the second story of one of the shacks, was taken out by a white man whose name was not learned.

Good work was done by Officers Phillips and Ritch, who turned in the alarm. Nearly all the property of any value which was saved was carried out by them, Phillips finally jumping out of the second story window of the Soo Hoo Mon Sing residence to escape the flames.

Engines Nos. 3 and 8 responded to the alarm. No. 3 taking water from the hydrant on the corner of Alameda and Marchessault streets, and No. 8 on Macy street. Engine No. 3 required 1200 feet of hose to reach the fire. The hose broke twice, interfering considerably with the efforts of the firemen to subdue the flames. Had these two accidents not occurred the residence of Soo Hoo Mon Sing might have been saved with only slight loss.

The roof of the two-story residence of Chew Kung Tong, on the west side of Benjamin street, became ignited while the fire was at its height, but was quickly extinguished. There was no insurance on any of the property destroyed.

FRIDAY MORNING CLUB.

An offer from Miss Hershey to help the building fund.

An informal social meeting took the place of the regular literary session at the Friday Morning Club rooms yesterday morning.

Mrs. F. A. Eastman gave a talk on the recent meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs in Denver, which she attended as a delegate.

Miss North read a letter from the secretary of the federation, declining to hold the next meeting in Los Angeles. A Christmas poem by Matthew Arnold was read by Mrs. Rebecca Spring.

Mrs. J. P. Sartori, the president, read a message to the club containing the important announcement that the club, through the generosity of Miss Hershey, would, before the beginning of the new year, be in a home of its own. She has agreed to purchase the remainder of the stock necessary to complete the building for which the club has been working for nearly two years. For one year she will hold the stock open at face value for purchase by club members or other women interested in the project. This announcement was received with great enthusiasm.

Before leaving the room each guest was presented with a mysterious parcel, which she was required to open on the platform and acknowledge with a Christmas sentiment.

PERSONALS.

John Singleton has returned from Randsburg.

Attorney E. H. Spoor of Redlands is visiting the city.

Superintendent J. S. Anunson, of the San Pedro Harbor work, is here.

J. T. Smith arrived at the Hollenbeck yesterday from the Treasury, Alaska.

J. L. Clark, a Pennsylvania oil man, who has interests at Newhall, is in the city.

Miss Clara Sutro and Charles W. Sutro, daughter and son of the late Mayor of San Francisco, arrived yesterday at the Van Nuys, to spend a few days.

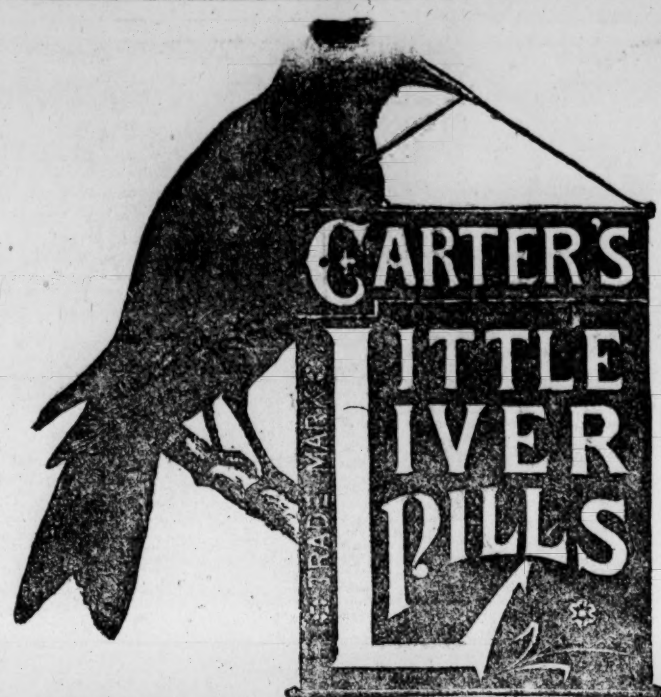
L. C. Fletcher, who is at the Van Nuys for a short vacation, is with the geological survey, which is at work mapping the southern part of the State for the Department of the Interior.

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ARIZONA HOPES TO BE ADMITTED TO STATEHOOD NEXT SESSION.

Six Suburban Additions Now Incorporated With Phoenix—The Santa Fe Company Claims Relief from Taxation on Its Road Bed.

PHOENIX (Ariz.), Dec. 20.—[Regular Correspondence.] An important meeting of the committee having in charge the consideration of a storage reservoir scheme was held this morning at the City Hall.

The chairman, Hon. Aaron Goldberg, was instructed by the committee to appoint three sub-committees and report the personnel of the same at the meeting to be held a week hence. One of the sub-committees will investigate the possibility of government ownership of the proposed reservoir; another county or territorial ownership; and a third ownership by a corporation.

Col. McCord, in command of the First Territorial Volunteer Infantry, in camp at Albany, Ga., is in Phoenix to spend Christmas with his family. He will return to his regiment on Monday next. Col. McCord believes that statehood is possible despite the fact that a Democratic delegate to Congress and a Democratic Legislature were elected at the recent election. He thinks that both New Mexico and Oklahoma will be admitted as States at the coming session of Congress, and says that with united effort this Territory can be gotten into the union at the same time.

A meeting of the City Council, held last night, provision was made for taking into the city the Dennis addition, Bennett's addition, Orchard Grove, Seeger's and University additions, and also Murphy's addition. Two of the members of the Council opposed the taking in of Murphy's addition on account of the location of the sub-strata of the social element upon it. Two other members and the presiding officer voted in favor of including it, and it was so ordered.

At a meeting of the local Ministerial Association yesterday, Rev. Weems was chosen president; Rev. Halsey, vice-president; and Rev. Ferguson, secretary and treasurer. The ministers started a movement with a view to the organization of a central charity society.

A circle of ladies to aid in carrying on the Christmas work was organized in the parlors of the First Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon. Officers were elected.

S. L. Roberts of San Diego was selected at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Arizona Poultry Association, last evening, to score the birds at the annual meeting and show to be held January 24 to 28.

Norman Orme, a young Rough Rider who was wounded at Las Guasimas, near Santiago de Cuba on June 24 last, arrived home in Phoenix yesterday.

A Mauser bullet broke his left arm and one of his ribs, and lodged in the left lung. The bullet and its steel casing were extracted from the lung by physicians of the Long Island College Hospital of New York city, who made an incision in the back, laying the lung open. This wound has entirely healed.

Mr. Orme's left arm is now an inch shorter than the other, and two of his ribs also are shorter.

ARIZONA IN GENERAL.

Wood took a sudden jump from \$6 to \$12 a cord at Jerome immediately after the storm, and was hard to get even at that figure.

A. M. Strahan and his son Charles, while doing their assessment work on the Saddle Creek district, Yavapai county, struck a ledge three and a half feet wide that assays 50 per cent. in copper, \$50 in gold and \$5 in silver to the ton. They can trace the ledge for distance of 37 feet, and it is the same thickness all the way.

D. J. Porter, recently committed suicide at Jerome by taking strychnine, was 35 years old and a native of Kentucky, but amassed a small fortune dealing in sheep in the neighborhood of Gallatin, N. M. He recently sold his herd to Scott Bros. for \$10,000, and set up a liquor and gambling establishment in Gallup.

The Santa Fe Railroad Company has made a tender to the Treasurer of Mohave county of the sum of \$2300 in full for its taxes in that county, asserting that the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States relieves the company from all taxation levied on its roadbed and right-of-way. According to the assessment levied by the county and Territory, the taxes of this company amount to \$16,000, and form a considerable part of the income of the county. If the company is relieved from paying its full amount of taxes, Mohave county's financial condition will be badly crippled.

Wood was so scarce at Globe during the recent snowstorm that the railroad company was compelled to burn ties that cost 50 cents apiece.

The Williams Public Library Association is in a prosperous condition, and proposes soon to erect a library building.

The waterworks reservoir at Flagstaff

has been finished, and after turned into it immediately in order to thoroughly cleanse it. Water now running in the reservoir will be used for domestic purposes. There is about 2000 feet of pipe yet to lay, and the work of putting in the street mains is progressing notwithstanding the cold weather.

The proposition to vote \$10,000 additional in waterworks bonds carried at a recent election by 84 votes cast in favor of it out of a total of 89.

The mercury at Flagstaff on Monday, December 12, registered 10 deg. below zero. Winter has set in two weeks earlier than usual.

MRS. METZLER'S MEAT.

She Had a Fight With the Butcher Because He Wanted Money.

The trial of C. F. Arkland, a young man who drives a butcher wagon for Young Bros., on the charge of battery, was commenced before Justice Owens yesterday. Arkland delivered some meat to Mrs. Mary Metzler at Thirty-sixth street and Eureka avenue recently. He had instructions not to leave the meat unless he got the money, as Mrs. Metzler's credit was not considered good. According to Arkland's story, the woman seized the meat and took it to the house. He followed her into the kitchen and tried to obtain a settlement, but could not, so he tried to recover the meat.

A scuffle ensued, in which the woman and the young man got badly mixed up. Mrs. Metzler subsequently visited a physician, who testified in court yesterday, that she had a lump on the crown of her head and a big black bruise on her chest, also sundry scratches on the back of her neck, all of which injuries were marks of external violence. Mrs. Hulda Olsen, a neighbor, testified that she saw Mrs. Metzler strike Arkland, but did not see the latter strike Mrs. Metzler. Mrs. Olsen was subpoenaed as a witness for the prosecution, but her evidence helped the defense. Owing to the absence of other witnesses, the case was continued till next Tuesday.

Pittsburgh Gas Consolidation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—It is announced today that the consolidation of all the gas-light companies of Pittsburgh has been successfully terminated. The capital invested is \$26,000,000.

A CHRISTMAS DISPLAY.

War Heroes Portrayed in Hard and Meat.

Of the holiday displays, none attracts more attention than that of Simon, at No. 129-133 North Spring street. Thronged of shoppers and sightseers crowded into the shop all last evening and were welcomed by A. C. Buch, Mr. Maier's manager, and the corps of employees, who for once were in front of the counter instead of behind it.

The whole meat market is a mass of amylax, twined symmetrically about the large central pillars, hanging in festoons from the roof, and hung in graceful patterns on the walls.

The first thing that every one notices is a large model of Admiral Dewey's flagship, the Olympia, suspended from the ceiling immediately in front of the refrigerators. This is the work of William Buck, one of Mr. Maier's assistants, who has displayed a skill that would scarcely be expected in a butcher's shop.

Mr. Buck also constructed the portraits of Sampson, Dewey, Hobson, Schley, Custer and Washington, arranged on either side of the entrance, all formed of vari-colored lard. Immediately within the entrance is a pyramid composed of ham and lard, carved and moulded in the forms of different animals, and outlined with cloves and carnatons.

Mr. Maier has utilized a great many boxes of Christmas oranges, which have been strung like beads and twined about the necks of sucking pigs and juicy beefs. Mr. Buck has also evincd a remarkable skill in carving the carcasses of sheep. On the south wall, hanging side by side, are several dressed sheep upon the backs of which are the portraits of Admirals Dewey, Schley and Sampson, together with Hobson, Custer and Thomas Jefferson. These portraits are made solely with a knife.

Remember the Needy.

Save your cast-off clothing, beds, bedding or stoves, for poor families of the city. A request is also made for shoes and clothing for poor children to enable them to go to school.

Drop it at Capt. J. A. Frazer's store, corner Los Angeles and Seventh streets, and he will call for anything you have to donate.

CHRISTMAS MONEY.

Old jewelry or bullion to any amount bought by the old reliable gold refiners and assayers, Wm. T. Smith & Co., 114 N. Main st.—(Ground floor.)

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SANO TARO.

A Japanese love story; by Adachi Kinnosuke.

A GERMAN CHRISTMAS.

How the great sacred day is kept in the Fatherland; by Malvina Lampadius.

RULER OF THE ARGENTINE.

Story of the new president and his government; by Frank G. Carpenter.

FORTY AIR MOTORS.

Compressed air replacing electricity in street car system; by E. W. Mayo.

PORTRAITS OF CHRIST.

How the Savior's likeness has come down through the centuries; by August F. Jaccaci.

A REPORTER'S CHRISTMAS.

How hearts and kitchens opened to him in a Southern city; by Eugene Kates.

ROBSON ON STAGECRAFT.

An inspiration at the critical moment that saved his own career; by Stuart Robson.

A GREAT GREEN PEARL.

Famous jewel thefts in the records of the New York opera house; by Emily Heit.

THE OLD AGE OF "OLD GLORY."

What should be the disposition of our tattered ensigns; by Robert G. Skerrett.

A CHRISTMAS SERMON.

The true spirit of the Christmas-tide; by William E. Harmon.

EDISON AND NICODEMUS.

An amusing story of the great inventor's train-boy days; by Theodore Waters.

BLIND JAPANESE.

They earn a good living by shampooing and massage; by D. T. D.

WOMAN AND HOME.

Strange, new colors—Smart presents exchanged between feminine friends; by Mary Dean.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Sweet-Grass—How the great chief of the Crees was converted to Christianity; by W. A. Fraser. Shoemaker's wax—Interesting experiments with this common substance. A Japanese Santa Claus. Musical pins.

Music and Musicians.

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PASADENA.

PURSUIT OF ALLEGED ELOPING COUPLE FROM LOS ANGELES.

They Had Just Left a Pasadena

Boarding-house—Some of the

Wife of City Trustee Reynolds

Brought Home—Christmas Festivities—Horse Interests.

PASADENA, Dec. 23.—[Regular Correspondence.] Judge Noonan Phillips of Los Angeles came here this afternoon on an adventurous legal errand. He and his client, Charles R. Chapman of Los Angeles, were hunting for the escaped wife of the latter, who is accused by Chapman of eloping with his half-brother. They found that the couple had tarried at Mrs. Bean's boarding-house at No. 138 East Colorado street, but had hurriedly fled, leaving behind some of their trunks. Mrs. Bean could not give up the things without legal authority, and the husband appealed to Justice Rosier for the necessary document. Justice Rosier issued a claim and delivery writ, which was served by Constable Slater upon the landlady, who thereupon turned over Mrs. Chapman's relatives to Justice Rosier. Among them was a number of letters which had passed between the wife and her companion, which are alleged to be incriminating. Chapman was an angry and excited man when he appeared before the justice. He declared he would rather have been looked by almost anybody than by his brother. He said the effect of the letters was to show that he was a divorcee. He is about 23 years of age, not endowed with too many of this world's goods. He said his wife is only 23, married, and his romantic brother a youth of 40 winters. From Pasadena, he declared the pair came to Los Angeles, where all trace of them has been lost. He said, "He is welcome to her now, and I hope to see her again, and she again," was the comment of the young man who had lost a wife and brother at one stroke.

HORSES AND HORSE SHOW.

Pasadena is taking much interest in the

Los Angeles horse show, and will be represented

in the ring, as well as in the box. City Trustee H. M. Dobbin, J. Bakewell

Phillips and other citizens are working up

the interest. The show is to be held at the

Pasadena fair grounds, and it will form

a better for Pasadena if we could have

as much interest in making a good show

of horses as in making a good show in the boxes."

Dr. Lyman of South Orange Grove avenue

will show his thoroughbred Kentucky horse

at the show. He has a fine pair of horses

and a fine pair of horses. He has a fine

pair of horses and a fine pair of horses.

Some of the Pasadena Country Club men

and horse-owners have been invited to the

New Year's race meeting of the Riverside

Polo and Golf Club, and would do so did

not the latter want come on the same date

as the horse tournament.

BAD ACCIDENT.

City Trustee H. G. Reynolds and wife

retained this afternoon from Alhambra, where

they had remained since the carriage accident

of last Sunday, in which both were injured.

Mrs. Reynolds was severely injured. The

latter suffered a rupture of the uterus, and

is now in a precarious condition. She is

being attended by Dr. J. H. Phillips, who

is a physician of some reputation. She is

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY.

Worst Windstorm of the Year.

Trains Delayed.

SAN BERNARDINO, Dec. 23.—[Regular Correspondence.] The worst windstorm of the year prevailed here today. A norther set in early in the morning, and the wind blew a gale all day. Clouds of dust rose mountain high between San Bernardino and Redlands, and off to the south, toward Riverside. The east-bound overland, due here at 12:25 p.m., was brought to a standstill near Etiwanda, on account of the terrific gale blowing down the San Gabriel valley. Passengers who have had experiences with windstorms on the desert asserted that they never knew what a real blow was before today.

A PIONEER'S BIRTHDAY.

John Brown, Sr., celebrated his 81st birthday

last evening, at the home of his daughter,

Mrs. Laura Wozencraft. The members

of his family and a Social Circle of friends

were present. There was an impromptu

program of music and addresses. Mr. Brown

is the only survivor of the pioneers who were

appointed by the Legislature of this state for

the organization of San Bernardino county, in

his day and a Social Circle of friends of

the county now alive. He was a comrade

of such men as Fremont, Kit Carson and other

old-timers.

SAN BERNARDINO BREVIETTES.

A petition for letters testamentary in the

estate of Rush P. Marshall, deceased, was filed

today by the widow, Mary Hayward Marshall.

Marshall died December 10, at Ontario, leav-

ing a will, in which the petitioner is named

as executrix. The estate consists principally

of realty in Philadelphia, valued at \$10,000.

The heirs-at-law consist of three sons and

three daughters. The estate is being admin-

istered by the petitioner.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Fred

Belcher, of Riverside, and Ora, of San Bernar-

dino, and to Jackson Deets and Mrs. Kate

L. McKean, both of North Ontario.

The killing of Charles W. Welch, for the

killing of Otto Anderson, is still in progress in

Judge Otter's court. No business was trans-

acted in Department Two of the Superior

Court.

SANTA MONICA.

Mutilator of Public Library Papers

Comes to Grief.

SANTA MONICA, Dec. 23.—[Regular Correspondence.] J. F. Henderson of this city

was in the public library Thursday, when

he saw an illustration of a man cutting up

a page from the file of The Times. Mr.

Henderson followed the man as he left the

library and saw him fold the paper and hide

it under his coat. After walking a block or

so the man threw the sheet of paper away

and soon afterward he was seen making

something at the postoffice. The sheet of

paper was found to have been taken from

The Times of last Sunday, and it was found

that a small piece had been removed from

the sheet. By comparison with another copy

of last Sunday's issue it was discovered that

the man had mutilated the paper. The

article in the Pasadena correspondence with

reference to a burglar. The man was ar-

rested by the police and taken to the jail.

He is now in the jail, and it is expected

that he will be held for some time.

VENTURA COUNTY.

An Unusually Heavy East Wind

Playing Havoc.

VENTURA, Dec. 23.—[Regular Correspondence.] An unusually heavy and devastating

east wind has been raging over the county

today. In some sections this storm has been

on for several days. It was reported here

this noon that the wind was raising a high

sea in the eastern section of the county.

Windmills and old derricks were being over-

turned, as well as old barns and outhouses.

Trees were uprooted and everything in gen-

eral was in a state of confusion. This is the

strongest and most damaging storm which

has visited the county for years.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES.

There will be special Christmas exercises at

all of the churches of this county. At the

Methodist Episcopal Church, South, there will

be exercises Sunday evening. The Methodist

Episcopal Church will celebrate with a con-

cert, recitations and songs, Saturday evening.

The Episcopal Sunday-school will have a

tree tomorrow afternoon. At St. John's

Methodist Episcopal Church, South, there will

be exercises Sunday evening. The Methodist

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES SUR-

ROUNDING MRS. COLE'S DEATH.

Her Aged Husband Arrested,

Charged With Arson—Old Spanish

Gold Brick Found—Steamship

Developments—Big Jewish Fish-

ing Off Coronado.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 23.—[Regular Correspondence.] The barn belonging to the Cole

house was burned early yesterday morning,

and the arrest of Mrs. Cole followed, on

charge of arson. The burning of the barn

and the discovery of Mrs. Cole's body, fol-

lowed by the burning of the barn, cast sus-

picion upon Cole. He is held on a charge

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City Briefs.

Lots of push makes things go. Just now it's all go at Desmond's sale of Xmas hats, neckwear, hosiery, gloves, suspenders, smoking jackets, ladies' and children's hats, caps. Everything is going with a rush. People are coming in, too, coming in crowds, because they find it the nick of time relative money by getting what they must have at a short price. It's difficult to argue about things which are better dealt with directly. When you see what we're talking about you'll be thoroughly convinced that it would take a novelist to half tell our holiday story, which your eyes will give you at a glance. A 50 cent necktie, any style given away today with every \$3 hat. See our four show windows at Nos. 139 and 141 S. Spring street, in the Bryson Block.

Remember, we carry the largest and best line of fruits and vegetables in the city. New Mission olives, Duarte navel oranges the very best, sweet tangerines, Brussels sprouts, salads of all kinds, string beans, sweet peas, large shipment of Santa Ana celery received daily. Ludwig & Mathews, Mott Market, Tel. main 550.

Opal pins and rings, \$1 to \$5; souvenir spoons, 50 cents, 75 cents, \$1; orange-wood novelties, onyx, feather cards, wax figures, Indian baskets, blankets, sarapes and hand-carved leather goods, Campbell's Curio Store, 325 South Spring street.

Peniel Hall Training School. Medical lectures are most valuable and free. The Spanish and Chinese classes are excellent. French class starting. Languages, 5 cents a lesson. Bible classes and vocal music free.

Rand, McNally's standard war atlas, size 14x22, smoking jacket, full-page maps, with index, given free with a prepaid three months' subscription to The Times. For sale at 40 cents each. Notice, Britishers—A petition circulating to the Vice-Consulship in Los Angeles awaits signatures at my office. All those interested are requested to call. C. A. Sumner, 134 S. Broadway.

The Natick House will serve their Christmas turkey dinner from 4:45 to 7:30 Sunday, and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, at usual rates. Meals 25 cents, or twenty-one more.

Special sale of all Xmas hats, shirts, gloves, neckwear and suspenders today at Desmond's, Nos. 139 and 141 South Spring street, in the Bryson Block.

Holly and mistletoe, extra fine shipment, today a.m., cheap Christmas trees galore. Ludwig & Mathews, Mott Market, Tel. main 550.

First Baptist Church, No. 727 South Flower street, Sunday services. Rev. Joseph Smith will preach at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. All welcome.

Wells, Fargo & Co. will deliver Sunday all express matter for the city received up to and including Saturday night.

Walter H. Fisher, No. 324 Wilcox building, special agent of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, Newark, N. J.

Special—Finest cabinet photos reduced to \$1 and \$1.75 per dozen, Sunday. No. 236 South Main street.

California shell and wood novelties, largest variety. Winkler's curio, 346 E. Broadway.

For Xmas presents visit Chinese and Japanese Bazaar, 238 South Spring.

Rev. G. D. Watson preaches at Peniel Hall at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

Dr. Frost, American Baptist Church tomorrow.

Mexican drawn work at Campbell's.

The First Christian Church Sunday school will have a musical program and tree tonight.

There are undelivered telegrams at the Western Union Telegraph office for S. L. Graham, Mrs. Sarah Robinson, Newton E. Pollard, Dr. W. H. Burton.

The annual Christian Love Feast will be held on Monday the 26th at the Church of the Nazarene, No. 526 South Main street, beginning at 9:30 o'clock a.m.

On Monday, instead of keeping only Sunday hours as permitted, Postmaster Mathews will keep all departments open throughout the forenoon. This will permit the delivery of packages.

T. P. Dyer of Los Angeles and Cosmopolitan B. Clark, were admitted to practice law in the Federal Court yesterday by Judge Ross of the District Court.

Edgar Leach, who was arrested at Longport for the robbery of the post-office at that place, was held yesterday to answer to the charge before the United States commissioner at San Luis Obispo.

Leahol B. Gray, a farmer in Kings county, yesterday filed a petition in bankruptcy in the District Court. His assets are given as \$1570 and his liabilities at \$3030. Personal property exempt is valued at \$270.

James E. Seymour was run in last night by Officers Plummer and Quinn for carrying an ugly-looking gun in his back pocket, while 24 Smith was reported to the lockup by Deputy Constable Mugnemi for begging.

The Volunteers of America, No. 128 East First street, will have a Christmas tree and a musical entertainment by the Sunday-school children on Monday eve, December 28. All are cordially invited. No admission fees will be charged.

The Federal grand jury yesterday made a partial report, having found true bills against Manuel G. Silva for sending an obscene letter through the mails; Chris McCane, for setting forest fire; and Silvas Roberson and Oscar Palmer for selling liquor to Indians. The jury failed to find a case against Charles Bemis.

Charles Robinson, of No. 2204 West Fourth street, a driver for F. W. Braun & Co., while driving north on Broadway, near Fourth street, yesterday afternoon, collided with an electric car. Robinson was thrown to the ground, receiving a few slight bruises on the head and hands. He was treated at the Receiving Hospital and sent home.

Charles Girard, a veteran from the Soldiers' Home, was struck by a freight van on Broadway yesterday morning and knocked down, receiving injuries for which he was sent to the Receiving Hospital. It was found that he had three ribs broken. After temporary treatment by the Police Surgeon the old man was sent to the County Hospital to recuperate.

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Alum baking powders are the greatest menaces to health of the present day.

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THE SUNSET CLUB.

Its Members Hold a Christmas Dinner at Jerry's.

That joyous and gleeful organization, the Sunset Club, partook of its regular monthly dinner at Jerry's last night, and made the occasion a Christmas dinner. The members of the club, from the usual line of procedure in the case, made and provided for Sunset dinners. There was a very large attendance and the spirit of the happy holiday of which all Christendom is upon the eve, was everywhere. The festive and musical program, as well as in the hearts of the participants at the merry board. Orchestral music was a pleasing feature of the evening's festivities, and in addition a Scotsman played the skirling pipes, clad in the plaids of the land of the hielie, while, as an additional "specialty," a duet of Chinese instrumentalists added to the hilarity of the night by making that sort of music peculiar to the taste of our Mongolian neighbors.

The programme arranged by the committee specially appointed for that purpose was considerably disturbed by the illness of Col. H. T. Lee and Burdette Howard, both of whom were expected to deliver addresses apropos to the holiday season. The first speaker of the evening was George S. Patton, who gave a charming picture of the Christmas holiday in Virginia in his boyhood days, supplementing this description with some observations upon the influence of the Saviour's life as a man upon human character and human happiness. T. S. Van Dyke followed with a brief paper comparing Christmas in California with the same day in the land of frost and blizzards, somewhat to the disadvantage of the latter, and Bishop Montgomery made a terse and telling little speech upon the divine character of Christ and the blessings his birth brought to mankind throughout the realms of Christendom.

Other pleasing and enjoyable features of the evening's entertainment were the singing of a Christmas carol and a dainty lullaby, by Charles J. Ellis, a touching address by J. S. Slauson, a song with guitar accompaniment by George W. Parsons, a rollicking bit of rhyme by Homer P. Earl, in which were woven the names of most of the club members; a sequel to "Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight," by Willoughby Rodman, and a poem by R. H. Chapman of the Herald, read by Othman Stevens, in which the follies of the Sunsets were set out in graphic and pleasant fashion.

As an entirety the dinner as well as the feast of reason and flow of soul was one of the most enjoyable ever given by the club.

Nicaragua Canal.

Work Under Way Over the Whole of Southern California.

Secretary McKee, of the Nicaragua Canal Executive Committee, has received word from Thomas R. Bard, vice-president for central America, that he has subdivided the country into fourteen districts and has classed the industries into nine groups for work in raising funds, and his assistants expect to be ready to send in their contribution to the necessary funds by January 1.

From other parts of Southern California, encouraging reports are coming in, and there seems no doubt that necessary funds will be at hand within a few days.

The local committee met yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce rooms. J. S. Slauson, the chairman, presiding. F. K. Rule was made vice-chairman of the committee, and the work of raising money in this city was mapped out and referred to the respective committees announced a few days since, as having that work in hand.

Marriage Licenses.

The following licenses were issued yesterday from the office of the County Clerk:

Wallace K. Gaylord, a native of Connecticut, aged 27 years, and May Buchanan, a native of Indiana, aged 24 years; both residents of Pasadena.

Arthur E. Ferris, a native of California, aged 18 years, and a resident of San Bernardino, and Maud Tinkler, a native of Ohio, aged 18 years and a resident of Rialto, San Bernardino county.

Charles H. Allison, a native of Kentucky, aged 29 years, and Lucy F. Doty, a native of Kansas, aged 20 years; both residents of Los Angeles.

John I. Johnson, a native of Ohio, aged 28 years, and Harriet A. Duncan, a native of Kansas, aged 35 years; both residents of Los Angeles.

George V. Van, a native of Ohio, aged 78 years, and Sarah E. de Voe, a native of New York, aged 45 years; both residents of Pomona.

Frank L. Winward, a native of Kentucky, aged 26 years, and Musa Bel-lows, a native of Iowa, aged 25 years; both residents of Long Beach.

George Vann, a native of California, aged 29 years and a resident of Center-ville, Mendocino county, and Grace M. Cook, a native of California, aged 21 years and a resident of Azusa.

Charles E. Kriner, a native of Kansas, aged 22 years, and A. Euid Alice Hewlett, a native of Iowa, aged 21 years; both residents of Pomona.

Charles Calvin Merrill, a native of the City of Mexico, and Alice M. de Forest, also a native of Illinois, aged 22 years and a resident of Los Angeles.

William E. Van Tress, a native of Illinois, aged 21 years, and Josie Hunt, a native of California, aged 20 years; both residents of Los Angeles.

BIRTH RECORD.

SCHNEIDER—December 22, 1898, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Schneider, No. 1313 Maple avenue, a daughter.

DEATH RECORD.

PIERCE—At his home, No. 1245 Eden avenue, December 22, 1898, Leonard Lincoln Pierce, a former resident of Worcester, Mass. Friends invited to attend memorial services at his residence, Monday, December 26, at 2:30 o'clock.

DYER—In this city, December 22, 1898, Charles E. Dyer, a native of Connecticut, aged 41 years.

FUNERAL PARLORS.

STITCH & DEERING FUNERAL PARLORS, Nos. 506-508 South Broadway. Mrs. Spooner, embalmer for ladies and children. Tel. M. 663.

LOS ANGELES TRANSFER CO. Will check baggage at your residence to any point. No. 215 W. First street, Tel. M. 268.

BISHOP'S

CRIMP

Crimp Crackers in bulk.

Princess Crackers in boxes.

BISHOP AND COMPANY

SODA CRACKERS

We're open this evening.

W.E. Cummings

"Foot Form Shoes" fit your feet like your gloves fit your hands—as easy, soft, comfortable, too, as your gloves.

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ladies' boot.

There is not a new style or shape nor a popular leather in which we cannot fit you in the Soeasy for \$3.50.

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VERXA

Never does things by halves. Unquestionably the BIGGEST, BEST and CHEAPEST CANDY DISPLAY in this city.

We are equipped to do the LARGEST CANDY BUSINESS EVER DONE in any one day in LOS ANGELES. Call and see how it is done.

9 cents

Pound—Christmas Mixed Candy—This is a pure sugar candy and never sold elsewhere for less than 12 1/2 cents pound.

Broken Mixed, lb. 9c

Assorted Taffy, lb. 9c

"Yerxa Xmas Mixed, including Chocolate, lb. 12 1/2 c

Candy Canes, Candy Animals, Pop Corn Crisp, Honey Corn Crisp, Butter Cups, Assorted Wafers, Fancy Marshmallows, Crystallized Fruit.

25 cents

Pound—For Chocolate Cream and French Cream Bon-bons that cannot be purchased elsewhere for less than 50 cents pound.

11 cents

Pound—Fancy Mixed Nuts regular price 20 cents pound.

Cape Cod Cranberries, qt. 10c

Fard Dates, lb. 13c

Golden Dates, lb. 9c

Fancy ripe Navel Oranges, dozen, 18c, 22c 25c

Fancy Large Assorted Apples, lb. 4c

Shelled Pop Corn, lb. 4c

Fancy Ripe Bananas, doz. 15c, 20c 25c

Eastern Peanuts, fresh roasted, qt. 5c

Turkeys

We lead the procession and sell Fancy Dressed Turkey for less than others quote poor ones. See our immense display.

Fancy Dressed Spring Chickens, lb. 15c

Stale Bread furnished customers at 3 cents loaf. Just the thing for Turkey Dressing.

Store closed all day Monday.

YERXA, VERXA CORNER.

Cresta Blanca Wine

45c Per Bottle

Tel. M. 1332 Today 635 S. Spring St.

Store Closed All Day Monday.

REDUCED PRICES FOR TODAY.

All through the house prices have been cut on holiday goods. Some of them are quoted in this announcement, but not all. Neither are all the items quoted here reduced. The values are so good that reductions are unnecessary. Judge for yourselves.

Cut Prices on Fans

The remainder of our Christmas fans will be closed out tomorrow at greatly reduced prices, for instance:

Ostrich feather fans, 12 inches long, with fine ivory sticks, in white pink, blue and yellow; empires in black, hand-painted and spangled designs, regular \$3.00 to \$4.00 values; reduced to \$2.50

Black ostrich feather fans, 12 inches long, fine bone sticks, neatly carved, also Empire fans in black and light colors, all regular \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.25 values; reduced to \$1.25

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